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Dear Parent / Guardian, Staff Member,

**RE: Fáilte ar ais**

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents / guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Tuesday next 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise. We will adhere to the Department of Education and Skills “Covid-19 Response plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of primary schools” and it is important that we all follow the school’s procedures and protocols in order to minimise the risk of infection.

By now you will all have had the chance to read and become familiar with some of the new routines and procedures that will be in place in our school. In addition, the following protocols will apply:

- Hand hygiene and cough etiquette will be compulsory. Sanitising dispensers have been placed both inside and outside each classroom, and at the main front door. Children and adults must clean their hands before they enter and exit the classroom and at various other times during the day. Children should also have a packet of tissues in their schoolbags at all times.
- As towels will not be provided in school each child should bring a facecloth to school to dry their hands. This should be kept in a plastic bag in the child’s schoolbag.
- School will be cleaned each day (previously it was twice weekly) and children and staff will regularly clean down work stations in each classroom during the school day.
- School uniform is to be worn by pupils. This consists of grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or navy tracksuit bottoms ( with no logo), light blue shirt/polo shirt and royal blue jumper/ sweatshirt/cardigan.
- Please ensure that your child wears footwear appropriate for outdoor play and activities.
- Lunchboxes and bottles will be kept in children’s bags. Anything not eaten/drunk will be sent home. Please ensure that lunchboxes and bottles are sturdy and non-spill!
- It is important that we have up to date contact details on file in school for each family. If there has been a change in any of you details please inform the school as soon as possible.
- Remember, if a child is unwell, they must stay at home. If your child becomes unwell at school you will be contacted by the school and it imperative that arrangements are made for the quick and safe collection of your child from school.
- We have a procedure in place in school should any child/children become unwell during the school day and we have an isolation room in place.
- The Lead Worker Representative (LWR) for our school is Mrs. Glynn. The role of the LWR is to assist in the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of COVID -19 and monitor adherence to

those measures and to be involved in communicating the health advice around COVID-19 in the school.

- Nut allergy. Please remember that we have 2 children in school with nut allergy. It is very important that products containing nuts or nut traces are not included in lunchboxes.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible.

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Cathaoirleach, An Bórd Bainistíochta

Miriam Quinn

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