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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well. The past few months have been challenging for all members of our community but I think we can be proud of the way we have handled the demands we faced to stay safe and well.

Following government advice, we are now hoping to reopen our school, safely, in line with current guidance and recommendations, on **Tuesday September 1st for all students**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back whilst putting in the correct measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. Reopening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BoM, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that reopening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

We have been working on our plan for the safe reopening of the school for some weeks now and we are being guided by the DES “COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools”. Work on the plan to reopen Mayo Abbey N.S. is still on-going and **you will receive all the necessary information about varying new procedures that will need to be put in place later in the month**. Our COVID-19 Policy Statement is available to view on the website.

We will be doing all that we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children. It is very important that, if your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

If your child becomes unwell at school you will be contacted immediately and will be asked to collect your child and seek medical advice. I know that in the vast majority of cases the illness will be non COVID related. However, we will be taking no chances. It is important that each household has a plan in place for this eventuality.

If your child has an underlying condition that may place them in a **high risk category** it is important that you contact your GP as soon as possible (before September 1st), get their advice, and contact the school with that advice. You can contact the school by email or by phone (leave a message and I will get back to you). We need this information so that we can plan for the safest possible return to school for your child.

I am confident we can work together to ensure the safety of our whole community and I look forward to having the children back in school on September 1st. We will of course keep you updated if provision or arrangements need to change.

Yours sincerely
Miriam Quinn, Principal