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Dear Parents,

We are delighted that the school will be reopening on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes. It will be lovely to have the boys and girls from the junior end of the school back. We have really missed them. Unfortunately, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will have to wait a bit longer. Hopefully they will get to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March if it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the teachers of these classes will continue to support the children with their home learning remotely.

Before the children can return to school parents **must complete a Return to School Declaration form**. This form is attached to this email. Parents will need to complete it on the day before their children return to face to face learning. The form can be returned by email or given to the class teacher on the day your child returns.

I wish to advise parents of the following to reduce the introduction and spread of COVID 19 in school:

- pupils to self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and contact their family doctor to arrange a test. **Please do not send your child to school if they show any signs of cold or flu symptoms.**
- pupils not to return to or attend school in the event of the following:
  - if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
  - if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
  - If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances staff are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.
- pupils to cooperate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school

Going forward the **Return to School Declaration form** must be completed any time a child is returning to school after an absence. This form can be filled in and returned by email or with your child on the day they return to school.

Just a reminder that the children from Junior and Senior infants will continue to enter and exit the school premises via the main front door. Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class will enter and exit the school premises via the door in from yard. Please note: **doors will be opened at 9.15 am** and please do not drop your child off at school before that time. There will be no playing in the yard before school starts. Children will remain on spots on the yard and will go straight to their classroom once the doors are opened.

In the interest of Health and Safety we would appreciate your support in continuing to wear your masks while on the school grounds and **avoiding congregating at the school at drop off and collection times.**

We would like to thank you all for the part you have played in assisting us to keep the school open in Term 1. To ensure the continued safety for all when we reopen again, only children and staff will be permitted in the school building. If you need to speak to a staff member please do so by using clasdojo messaging or phone the office. **It is very important that the children remember to bring all their books/lunches etc with them to school each day as we will not be able to facilitate drop off of these items.** We appreciate your cooperation with this.

The Junior and Senior infants teacher, Miss Donohoe, will be in contact with parents via clasdojo regarding the return of school items, books and tablets before returning on Monday.

Links to posters and videos here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/5572b-back-to-school-advice-for-parents-students-and-families/>

The School Covid Response plan has been updated in line with government guidelines and will be posted on the School Website.

**Please Note:**

If a parent chooses to keep their child at home and the pupil is not in the very high risk category then they will be marked absent.

If a parent chooses to keep their child at home schools are not required to provide dual provision, with the exception of existing arrangements for children in the **very high risk category.**

Looking forward to welcoming back half the school on Monday. Hopefully it won't be too long until the senior classes return. Fingers crossed.

Stay well, stay safe and above all stay positive.

Kind regards,

Principal & staff