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Partial Reopening of School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. As you are aware, the Government have published their plan for the phased reopening of schools. From next Monday, March 1st, pupils in junior infants, senior infants, first and second classes will be permitted to return to in-school learning. For the time-being, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes will continue learning from home.

I would like to thank all staff, parents and most importantly pupils for your dedication and commitment to remote working and learning over the past seven weeks. The attitude displayed by everyone to these difficult circumstances has been really positive and we hope that in the coming weeks we see all our pupils return safely to school. In the meantime, we encourage your boys to continue with the same commitment to your studies at home, knowing that this will stand to your children when they return to school.

Arrangements for morning and evening drop-off and collection will remain the same. Supervision will be provided from 8.35am on the school yards. School begins at 8.50. Apart from Junior infants, parents are to drop and go at the school gate. Junior and Senior infants will go home at 1.30pm and first and second classes at 2.25pm.

Parents should **maintain social distance and wear face coverings at all times** while in the vicinity of the school. Given the higher risk of transmitting the virus, it is important that we adhere to this practice along with the **avoidance of congregating with other parents** at all times. The Department of Education and Skills have issued extensive guidance on preventing the spread of the virus in their 'Response Plan for Reopening Primary Schools'. [Please refer to section 5 of this document for more information, by clicking here.](#)

It is critically important that you **do not send your child to school if they are sick and/or showing symptoms** of the Covid-19 virus.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms.

They are:

- High temperature
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- Loss of smell, of taste or distortion of taste

Infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can cause illness, ranging from mild to severe, and, in some cases, can be fatal. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of cold and flu.

If you have any common symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus), self-isolate (stay in your room) and phone your family doctor straight away to see if you need a COVID-19 test. Other people in your household will need to restrict their movements (stay at home). [Please click here to view a HSE quick guide to isolation for children from 3 months to 13 years of age.](#)

Please read the following information carefully.

Schoolbooks

Please return books on Monday morning with your child in a labelled plastic bag, sanitising them beforehand. These will be placed in an isolation area for a period in school before they are used. Your class teacher may issue further instruction on this.

Return to Education Form

Please complete the 'Return to Educational Facility' form which was texted to you yesterday. It is mandatory that this is completed ahead of returning on Monday.

ICT Devices

Families who borrowed devices should return them with your child on Monday.

Wellbeing Resources

The Department of Education have developed a suite of wellbeing resources that are available for parents, pupils and teachers at this time. [Please click here to access the resource site.](#)

Parent/School Communication

Please be aware that for the foreseeable future, all communication with the school should be by telephone, Class Dojo or other online means.

Sanitiser packs

As per term 1, please provide your child with a sanitiser pack including a small bottle of hand sanitiser, tissues, a hand towel and wipes in sealed bag. This will help to reduce movement within the classroom during the school day and promote good personal hygiene.

Our full reopening plan is available on our school website or by [clicking here.](#)

Wishing you and your family the very best.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane

Principal