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Re.: Return to school

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter.

As we plan to return to school safely on Monday next, will you please be reminded of the following health guidance.

- Supervision will be provided from 8.35am on the school yards. School begins at 8.50. In the morning time, **unless you are passing through to the Girls' school, you will not be permitted past the inner gates at the front of the school or past the end of the green fence at the rear entrance.**
- 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 complete the 'Return to Educational Facility' form** which has been messaged to you. It is important that this is completed ahead of returning on Monday.
- Please do not send your child to school if you have travelled outside of Ireland in the last 14 days and consult government advice for further information.

- Please cooperate with public health in relation to contact tracing if the need arises.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane,

Principal