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Dear Parents/Guardians

It gives me great pleasure to officially inform you of the re-opening of our school doors to all classes in our school. The Taoiseach announced last evening that a gradual reopening of schools will begin next Monday, 1st March 2021. This gradual re-opening includes the full cohort of classes in the school. Our staff are very much looking forward to being back in the classroom again and engaging with their boys in a face- to-face context.

The school day will remain as it was before we closed our doors.

Senior Infants should arrive to school at 8:40 am sharp and will go home at 1:10 pm

Second Class should arrive to school at 8:40 am sharp and will go home at 2:10 pm.

Junior Infants should arrive at 8:50 am sharp and will go home at 1:20 pm

First Class should arrive at 8:50 am and will go home at 2:20 pm.

Children with Bikes or Scooters should arrive THROUGH THE MAIN GATE INTO THE YARD, park their bike or scooter and enter the school building as normal.

(ROOM 14 AND ROOM 15 BOYS WHO HAVE SCOOTERS OR BIKES ONLY MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE THROUGH THE FOYER.)

Other entry points are as follows:

Room 7, Room 8 and Room 9: enter through the hall door. (GAA Entrance)

Room 14 and Room 15: Boys enter through the hall door. (GAA Entrance)

Room 10: Enter through the main gate and into the building at the ‘Seafield Entrance’ (door with stairs)

Room 3, Room 4 and Room 6: Boys will enter through the main gate and into the building at the ‘Seafield Entrance’ (doors with the stairs)

Room 1, Room 2 and Room 5 : Boys will enter through the main gate and into the Main Entrance in through the entrance foyer.

This practice proved effective previously in preventing crowds of children and parents forming. Please do not arrive early as children will not be admitted earlier than 8:40 am. **If siblings have two different start times, they may enter the building at the earlier start time.**

We must redouble our efforts to keep our school safe. I appeal to you not to gather on the school campus or outside the gates of the school. As much as we would all love to say hello and have a chat, your continuing

efforts to be disciplined and “drop and go” will help to keep our school safe and open. Please cooperate with our staff who will be on hand to help.

We need to continue to be extremely cautious with this disease, especially with the new variants. **If your child is ill or has any Covid 19 symptoms, please do not send him to school.** Keep him home and seek your GP’s advice. **If your son has been abroad, do not send your son back to school until he has completed his full quarantine period.** Our updated Covid 19 Response Plan can be found on the school website where you will find further details. As per this plan, if children display Covid 19 symptoms, we will continue our practice to isolate these children and we will call you to take them home. Please be patient with us. We do not do this lightly. We do this to keep everyone safe and our school open.

You will be required to complete a “Return to Educational Facility Declaration” before your child can enter the school. This form will be available on your Aladdin Connect app next Sunday. **This form must be completed and returned before your child comes back to school.**

To comply with quarantine practises I would ask that all books and materials for school are wiped with disinfectant spray or wipes and are zipped into your son’s bag this Friday in preparation for use on Monday 1st March 2021. The school will also operate an enhanced cleaning schedule throughout the school day. We have also increased the number of hand sanitising stations at all entry points of the school. The boys will be supervised sanitising their hands the moment they enter the school building.

Returning to school is a hugely important step for our boys. While they may be excited to see their teacher and all their friends again, I am sure that for some, it may be a time of heightened anxiety. Please see the short video clip <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#back-to-school-advice> which explains to children what to expect on their return to school. It is my intention to show this clip during our year group assemblies this Friday.

I very much look forward to welcoming the boys back on campus and seeing their friendly smiling faces properly. I would like to thank you, most sincerely for your dedication, cooperation and understanding to the school staff over the last two months. This positive and supportive home-school link, we would not have been able to achieve what we have.

Many thanks

Fiona Sheridan

Principal

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