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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I do hope you and your families are keeping safe. I am sure, like me, you feel a little disheartened at recent developments in Kildare, Laois and Offaly. But hopefully our renewed efforts at hand sanitising and social distancing will pay off.

We have formed a Covid Committee in the school to look at the many issues involved in reopening the school, and keeping the school open.

As I write to you it is our intention to welcome the children into the school on Friday August 28th – unless otherwise advised by the Department of Education and Skills. All our decisions are informed by Public Health guidelines.

- The school will be divided into three main Super Pods, with each pod having its own starting and finishing time. I will be in touch with you next week about which Super Pod your child is in. Your cooperation with drop off and pick up times will be essential to the success of the reopening of our school.
- Children should wear their school uniform as usual.
- They should have a school bag large enough to contain their coat and lunch, as coat hooks will not be used on our return.
- Children should also have their personal supply of pencils and colours (unless they are in an Infant class where these will be supplied by the school), as it will not be possible to share these materials.
- It is very important to label all of your child's belongings.
- Swimming and all after school activities will be postponed for the present. The situation will be reviewed.
- There will be additional cleaning and sanitising throughout the school. The school was deep cleaned in June and will be deep cleaned again before reopening.
- The BOM will purchase a sanitising machine, to minimise the spread of infection.
- Professional advice is being sought on a Risk Assessment for the school in terms of Covid-19.
- Please talk to your child about safe behaviour practices such as social distancing, cough etiquette and hand sanitising.
- **Children displaying symptoms of illness should not be sent to school.**

Please ensure that we have up-to-date information for your child, including contact details, emergency contacts and Doctor's number. If you have not already supplied an email address could you please do so before we reopen?

We understand that this is a worrying time for all, but please be assured that we in the school are making every effort to reopen the school safely on August 28th, based on current advice and guidance.

I will be writing to you again soon with further information – but in the meantime please KEEP SAFE.

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Geraldine Hetherton

Principal