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7ú Lúnasa 2020

A thuismitheoirí a chairde,

Beatha agus sláinte. Ta súil againn go bhfuil sibh go léir go maith agus ag baint taitneamh as na laethanta saoire. Thíos anseo gheobhar roinnt eolais faoi phleanáil d'athoscailt na scoile.

We hope you and your families are keeping well. As you are aware, our school has now been closed since 12th March due to the COVID-19 situation. We are currently working hard to ensure the reopening of our school safely, in line with current guidance and recommendations.

Re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BOM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

We have been working on our plan for the safe reopening of the school for some weeks now and will shortly publish the **DES COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools** on our school website (“Athoscailt na Scoile”). As you are aware our school campus has but one entrance and space is of a premium in the school grounds. This is proving to be a challenge as we decide on the best course of action for the safe entry and exit of pupils. Thank you for your patience as we give this our fullest attention.

The **initial** Response Plan gives details of:

- Physical preparation, signage, hand sanitiser stations,
- Advice, procedures and training for the safe return to working in the school for all school staff and pupils
- General and specific advice on how all pupils, staff, parents and visitors will prevent the spread of the virus

We will also publish our **COVID-19 Policy Statement** on the school website (“Athoscailt na Scoile”). Our BOM will keep you informed as to the progress of our re-opening plans and provide you with the information required by you to play your part in safely re-opening the school.

The issue of school uniforms will be addressed in the Plan but current DES guidelines are to continue as normal, advising only that the uniform or tracksuit be removed immediately on returning home and not to other activities. While daily washing/steaming is of course optional it will not be mandatory.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school and will be doing all that we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children. We will be in touch with you again as soon as all elements of our plan are finalised and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

Le meas,

Séamus Ó Rinn
Cathaoirleach, An Bhóird Bainistíochta

Breannán Ó Gréilligh
Príomhoide

The following websites provide further information on COVID-19 and on government advice and recommendations regarding the re-opening of schools: -

- <https://www.education.ie/en/covid-19/>
- <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>

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- <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/a128d-back-to-school/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/backtoschool/>