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A Thuistí,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil ag eirí go maith libh. Mar is eol daoibh, tá an scoil dúnta anois ó 12ú Márta. Táimid ag súil leis an scoil a athoscailt ag cloí le treoirínte na Roinne.

Beimid ag súil le comhoibriú ó chách sa chás seo- Bord Bainistíochta, foireann na scoile, tuistí agus daltaí. Caithfimid an scoil a oscailt go sábháilte chun cinntiú go bhfuil ár ndícheall á dhéanamh ionas nach scaipfidh an víreas agus chun go mbeimid in ann leanúint orainn le teagasc agus foghlaim.

Táimid ag obair le tamall ar phlean chun athoscailt. Tá an DES COVID-19 Response Plan le feiscint ar shuíomh na scoile. Sa phlean tá:

- ullmhúcháin fisiciúil, comharthaí, stáisiúin díghlaráin,
- comhairle, cur chuigí agus traenáil don bhfoireann,
- eolas ginearálta agus eolas faoi leith maidir le conas sinn fhéin a chaomhnú ón víreas.

Beidh ráiteas na scoile COVID-19 á chur ar ár suíomh go luath.

Táimid ag súil go mór le filleadh ar scoil agus beimid ag déanamh ár ndícheall chun filleadh go sábháilte.

Beidh an Bord i dteagmháil arís le sonraí sula n-osclaíonn an scoil.

Scaradh sóisialta – Beidh páistí ó Rang 3 ar aghaidh 1 mhéadar óna chéile. Faoi láthair, tá tógálaithe ag obair sa scoil chun cinntiú go dtarlóidh seo. Ní bheimid ag súil go mbeidh páistí ag meascadh le páistí ó ranganna eile.

Beidh na ranganna níos óige i ngrúpaí sna seomraí agus beimid ag súil go rachaidh siad i dtaithí ar seo t'réis tamailín.

**Beidh doras faoi leith ag gach dhá rang ar maidin agus um thrathnóna. Beidh dhá am sosa agus dhá am lóin freisin.**

**Má tá páiste in aon slí breoite le siomptóm, ní cheart dóibh teach tar scoil. Má thagann, beidh orain iad a sheoladh abhaile arís.**

**Má tá aon pháiste ag taisteal chuig tír nach bhfuil ar liosta an rialtais, ní cheart dóibh teacht ar ascoil le haghaidh 14 lá i ndiaidh.**

**Pléfidh na múinteoirí an tábhacht a bhaineann le lámhacha a nigh go rialta srl.**

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

As you are aware, our school has now been closed since 12<sup>th</sup> March due to the COVID-19 situation. We are now hoping to re-open 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 have published the DES COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools on our school website. The 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

We will be publishing our COVID-19 Policy Statement on the school website. Our Board of Management 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.

## **Physical Distancing at school -**

***Increasing Separation.*** This will be achieved by re-configuring the classrooms to maximise physical distancing. Builders are currently working at the school making some rooms larger. All children from 3<sup>rd</sup> up will keep 1 metre distance from each other as required. Children in younger classes will sit in pods or small groups and should only be in close contact with their pod.

***Decreasing Interaction.*** Each class group will be known as a bubble. Children will be encouraged to remain in their bubble as much as possible. We will have two break times and two lunch times so all children are not all mixing on the yard. Each bubble will have their own play area on the yard. Each class will be assigned one of four front doors to enter and exit, which means no more than two classes will use the same entry / exit points.

While all children will be welcome back to school, we would remind parents that, where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms, they should not be sent to school. Children who display such symptoms in school will be isolated and parents asked to collect them from the school.

**Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List should not attend school during the 14-day self-isolation period.**

Teachers will make children aware of the proper hygiene procedures regarding hand washing and etiquette related to sneezing, coughing or spitting. We would be grateful if you could also emphasise safe behaviour in this regard to your children at home as part of the preparation for returning to school. The school is currently installing extra hot water heaters so all rooms will have access to warm water for hand washing.

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 before school re-opens.**

**Is sinne le meas,**

**Joe Mac Ionnrachtaigh  
(Cathaoirleach, Bord Bainistíochta)**

**Múinteoir Cáit  
(Príomhoide)**