August 24th 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian, Staff Member,

**Fáilte ar-ais Welcome back**

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents/guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Thursday next, August 27th.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise. Our **Return to School Plan** has been available to download from the school website for the last couple of weeks Please ensure that you & your children are familiar with its contents – *particularly regarding drop-off & pick-up routines*.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible.

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 **Catriona Flaherty** **Brian Mullins**

 Cathaoirleach, An Bórd Bainistíochta Príomhoide