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### Covid-19 Update - School Re-opening

17 August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

In light of the new Re-opening of Schools Guidance, we can now confirm our arrangements for the start of the school year.

The guidance sent out in June, in the most part, will remain in place. This will allow us to ensure that all protocols are working appropriately.

**P3 and P7 group A**, will return to school on Monday and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August. **Group B** will attend on Thursday and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August. They will return full time from Monday 31<sup>st</sup>. Pupils from the **ASC**, **JLSC** and **SLSC** will return on a staggered basis, following the parents' meeting on Tuesday 25 August as stated in June's letter. A reminder text will be issued.

All **P2** and **P5** pupils will return to school from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August on a full time basis. All **P4** and **P6** will return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September on a full time basis. Each year group will operate in 'protective bubbles' and will only interact with children and staff in their 'bubble'.

School dinners will resume initially, for pupils entitled to free school meals from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All other pupils should bring a packed lunch and their own water, as the water coolers will be unavailable for the foreseeable future.

After School Club will resume on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and the Breakfast Club will follow in due course.

All P3 to P7 pupils should wear a short sleeved, white shirt/blouse, grey skirt/trousers, grey socks/tights. A green school jumper/cardigan and black shoes. If shoes have laces, pupils must be able to tie them. No ties should be worn at this stage. P1 and P2 should wear a white polo shirt and green jogger bottoms and a green sweat shirt. Trainers with Velcro fasteners should also be worn.

Parents are encouraged to drop their children off outside the school gates from 8.45am to avoid congestion and large gatherings in the school grounds. Pupils should go straight to their classrooms at this time. P3 and JLSC pupils will use the downstairs entrance and P4 will use the reception entrance door.

Registration closes at 9.10am

School Finishing Times (subject to review)

Nursery - 1.15pm

P1-1.30pm

P2-1.45pm

P3-2.00pm

P4-2.15pm

P5-2.30pm

P6-2.45pm

P7-3.00pm

Pupils must not bring a bag to school. All pencils, pens, etc. will be provided in an individual plastic wallet for each child. **Pupils must not bring any items from home to school.**

Pupils must sanitize their hands on entry to the school and wash their hands for 20 seconds once in class. Pupils not sanitizing their hands will not be allowed into class and may need to return home.

In line with Covid 19 Public Health Agency Guidance, your child should not attend school if he/she displays any symptoms of the virus, including a high temperature, a continuous cough and or loss of taste or smell.

Yours sincerely

D O'Hagan, Principal

J Kelly, Vice Principal