



29th June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Reopening of Ballyoran Primary School

I hope that you and your family are well at this time.

We have now received guidance from the Department of Education and are in a position to inform you of our plans for the reopening school:

- The new school year will begin on **Monday 24th August 2020.**
- **All pupils** in Years 2 – 7 will be able to return to school on this date **full time 5 days a week.** (Nursery and Year 1 will receive their start dates and settling in schedule in August)
- **Normal** school uniform should be worn.

I would stress again that these are **plans** and depend on government guidance at the time and so are subject to change. I will write to you again in August to confirm our back to school arrangements and give you more detailed information on what the return to school will look like.

Depending on the government guidance at the time on social distancing, it may be necessary to put changes in place, for example, staggered arrivals and departures, class 'bubbles', restrictions on what can be brought to and from school, staggered breaks and lunchtimes etc. We have made plans for all of these situations should they be necessary and again I will give you more information on these in August.

Finally, please be assured that when school reopens, the safety and well-being of our pupils will be our main priority. Personal hygiene and cleaning will form a vital part of our plan and I will communicate with you about this further, prior to school reopening.

We appreciate that these past few months have been very challenging for all of you, we thank you for all that you have done in support of home learning and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school, hopefully on 24th August.

Take care and have a great summer.

Yours faithfully

Richard Woolsey
Principal