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Education Authority Southern Region

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Principal: Mrs G Harrison

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your support so far in helping us manage a safe school restart. Last week we welcomed a number of children back to school and we enjoyed having them back with us. I understand that, this is an anxious time for us all and I want to reassure you that we are doing all that is reasonably possible to keep your children and school staff safe. This is a time when we all have to do our part in order to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.

It is important to note that not all schools follow the same processes for managing the restart, and so what is adopted in one school may not apply unilaterally across all schools in Northern Ireland. We are content that our approach, whilst precautionary, is necessary and entirely appropriate. On Monday, all children will return to school, and from day one we will be continually reviewing our measures for keeping children safe. If they change I will inform you as soon as possible.

All of the procedures we have established for the reopening of school are so far working very well, and I appreciate the messages of support received already.

In order to keep you updated I propose to write when necessary to outline any refinements to our procedures or clarify any legitimate concerns that have been raised.

Finally, I would also like to assure you that the processes we have developed are for the safety of your children and school staff. It is not easy to implement some of these measures, but in order to help prevent the spread of the virus, and to allow school to re-open in accordance with the Minister for Educations announcement, they are necessary and we need your help to implement them.

We are happy to discuss any reasonable concerns you may have. Any phone call should be made after 2.30pm.

I know many of you, like all of us in school, want to play our part in helping keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

G Harrison