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 **25th February 2021**

Dear Parents,

Attached is a letter from the Minister for Education, Norma Foley, about the reopening of schools. Please take the time to read it as it contains advice for parents on how to assist us to keep our school as safe as possible. The paragraph below is particularly important.

*Please review the symptoms of Covid-19, to ensure that children with symptoms do not attend school and that all children know and understand the procedures in place in school. Please continue to abide by all social distancing guidance and stay home apart from essential journeys. Parents can help schools by being individually responsible and not lingering outside school at drop off and collection times. It is welcome that children will see their friends in school, but please do not organise playdates or home visits.*

The junior classroom will return to school on Monday 1st March. The school bus will be running as usual but the times may be slightly different as there will be less collection points. Eugene will make contact with the relevant families to confirm the new times with you.

Monday 15th March is the target date for 3rd - 6th class to return to in-school provision. This date will be reviewed over the next two weeks by the Department of Education. In the meantime, their daily classes will continue on zoom. Ms. Hawkins and Mrs. Quin will return to school on Monday 1st March. They will continue to support the senior pupils remotely.

Kind regards,

Shireen