**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

**Co. Cork.**

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**27th August 2021**

Dear Parents,

**Re-opening**

The school will re-open for a full school day on Monday 30th August. We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back. We have four new junior infants joining the junior classroom. Welcome to Eli Sutton, Lydia O'Mahony, Maia Vowles-Burrows and Eliza Canty. We hope that they will be very happy during their time with us. They will finish at 12pm for the first week.

During the summer holidays, many parts of daily life have returned to normal for our pupils. However this is not the case in school, all the social distancing and sanitising measures that were in place during the 2020-21 school year, will remain in place for this school year too. Attached is an updated two page poster for parents from the Department of Education. It gives very important information about the symptoms of the Delta variant which are different to our guidelines from last year.

**If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:**

**A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more, a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse, fatigue, aches or pains, other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19, such as sore throat, headaches, diarrhoea, runny or blocked nose or feeling sick or vomiting.**

**Staff**

Ms. Cheryl Flanagan has been appointed as a supply teacher to our school for this academic year. She will teach the senior classroom on Fridays. Ms. Rountree will be on parental leave for the next three weeks. Ms. Sullivan will be acting principal during the absence. Ms. Cotter will be teaching the senior class.

**School Garden**

The vegetable patches have become very overgrown during the summer holidays. There are too many weeds for the children to manage to dig out on their own. If anyone has an hour to spare, we would really appreciate some help clearing it.

**School Books**

Please label all your child's books clearly on the outside of their textbooks. The senior classroom need to bring a recorder, a working fountain pen and an eraser pen with them.

Please label the senior classroom copybooks as follows:

88 page maths copies:          Maths School x 2

40 page maths copybook:    Maths Home

88 page writing copies:        English School x 2

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                                            Jotter

40 page writing copies:        RE

                                              English Home