



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I want to give you some information in this letter about re-opening our school next Thursday August 27th and you will receive further details this coming Monday.

Work is well underway to have everything in place to re-open our school safely, in line with current guidance and recommendations. Re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BOM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

We are working on our plan and procedures for the safe reopening of the school and our COVID-19 Re-opening Plan will be emailed to you on Monday, this will contain further specific detail about re-opening Toonagh NS.

For now, please note the following:

- All children will return on Thursday August 27th.
- Pupils with **high temperature, cough, breathing difficulties, flu-like symptoms or loss of taste or smell must be kept at home**. Pupils should also be kept at home if generally unwell.
- Pupils showing such symptoms at school will be isolated and parents called to collect them from school.
- The children will wear their school uniform and tracksuit at school.
- All school books and copies must have plastic coverings. All book rental books are already covered with wipeable contact.
- In Toonagh NS we will provide a plastic box for every pupil where they will keep their belongings at their desk and avoid sharing of common items.
- Hand sanitiser dispensers were installed in every classroom and throughout the school building. The children will be taught how and when to use the sanitiser.
- Pedal bins have been bought for each classroom so that children and adults won't be touching bin lids and surfaces.
- A deep clean of all the flooring in the school took place last weekend.
- A further extensive clean of the school is taking place this weekend and each day before school reopens.

- Cleaning hours have been increased and the school will be cleaned every day. Pupil desks will be cleaned on a daily basis along with many other measures.
- All staff are undertaking Covid-19 Induction Training prior to reopening the school.

We will be in touch with you again with more specific details on Monday, August 24th.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. We are aware that children may be worried about Covid-19 or feel anxiety about coming to school. We will be doing all that we can to reassure the children and to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children.

We are living through very uncertain times and we appreciate the goodwill of the whole school community.

Kind Regards,

Gearóid Roughan
Principal