

Dear Parents, now that we have received direction from the Department of Education we are working very hard to ensure the children's return to school is positive and that school is a place where they are safe and happy.

Please look often at our school website, text messages via Cadoo and email for messages from us. In the meantime what you could be doing to help us is the following:

- **Children MUST NOT attend school with ANY cold or flu symptoms.**
- Talk to your child and let them know that the return to school is going to be safe and happy. Be positive about this return. Do not share any worries you have with them. **Start to practise regular handwashing and how to cough and sneeze safely.**
- Teachers will attend training on Monday, the 31st August. No children will be in school on this day. Tuesday may be a short day but all children will return to school for the full day on Wednesday 2nd September except for Junior Infants who will be finishing at 12.45pm from Wednesday 2nd to Tuesday 8th September.
- There will be no after-school childcare or activities for the first two months. This will be reviewed at the end of October.
- Children will wear their normal school uniform.
- As always everything should be labelled. Due to Covid-19 doing this IS ESSENTIAL. There will be no sharing of anything. Label everything clearly with your child's name - coats, shoes, lunch boxes, school bags, uniform, books, copies, pens, eraser, pencil sharpener etc.
- Put plastic covering on all copies and books so that we can keep them clean.
- Every child should have a lunch box and drink bottle. It is very important that these items are washed in soapy water every day at home. It is important that the lunchbox and drink bottle are made of a material that can be disinfected.
- All of these practices will be reviewed at Halloween.

A post-holders' meeting has been arranged for next week and we will give you further information after meeting. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to ensure the safe return of all our school community. Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of the holidays.

Úna Feeley