



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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A Chairde,

I hope that everyone is safe and well. As I explained in my correspondence on July 28th last, I will be writing to you to update you on any developments concerning school opening on Monday August 31st.

We have drafted a Re-Opening Plan and this will be discussed by our Inschool Management Team on Wednesday, then by the whole staff on Friday. The following week, this plan and the COVID 19 Response Plan will be brought to our Board of Management for approval. I hope to have a copy sent to you all by Friday August 21st. That leaves time to respond to your queries before we re-open. The following areas will be addressed in the plan:

- Timetables
- Arrival and Dismissal times
- Entry and exit points
- Collection of children during the school day
- Lunches
- Uniforms (Do buy uniforms and tracksuits as normal. We are looking at a plan to help you keep them clean)
- Children who should not attend school
- Children in high risk groups
- Use of face masks
- PPE
- Pencils, crayons, rubbers etc
- Other shared school materials
- Children's learning space-bubbles and pods
- Office
- Yard
- Special Education Support
- Teacher and SNA absences and substitution
- P.E.
- Extracurricular activities
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Hygiene and cleaning
- Isolation area
- Teaching and Learning
- Distance Learning
- Wellbeing
- Procedures for dealing with suspected and confirmed cases

The document is quite detailed and I hope that it will answer most of your questions. We will also have a Zoom meeting the week before we open to answer further questions and to clarify any matters that arise from the Re-Opening Plan and the COVID 19 Response Plan.

These are difficult times for us all and we want to put everything in place to ensure that we can open safely on Monday August 31st.

I will be in touch with you again before the end of next week.

Stay Safe

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