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Dear Parents/Guardians

The Board of Management and the School Leadership Team have been working to ensure a safe return to school for all pupils and staff in two weeks' time. Our school is opening up and staff are really looking forward to welcoming students back and helping them re-engage with learning in school. Most students will be looking forward to school and meeting up with friends, teachers and other school staff. Many will feel excited, relieved and happy. Some may feel a little anxious and worried about getting back. That's to be expected and it's a normal response at a time of transition and change. Most students will settle in over time, as they reconnect with friends and get used to the new school safety routines.

We have been working very hard to make sure that the school building and playground will be safe for all of the students, teachers and parents. This will mean some new routines and rules to keep everyone safe. School staff are aware that wellbeing is vital and essential for learning to happen. We are prioritising the things that we know will promote wellbeing at this time therefore it will be our main priority in the coming weeks. We know that parents have made great efforts to support their child's continued education when schools were closed. Please be assured that teachers will revisit last year's curriculum. Getting back to a school routine, getting enough sleep, eating healthily, taking physical exercise and reconnecting with friends will help everyone to settle back in.

Please find attached a Draft Logistics Plan for the Re-Opening of our school.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1st September.

Yours sincerely,

Dervilla Finnegan