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Dear Parent/Guardian

PRIMARY 2-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL

I hope you and your child(ren) are looking forward to school re-starting on **Tuesday 1 September**.

I trust you received my correspondence issued on 12 August, outlining the main operational details and requirements for returning to school (this is still available for reference on the school website).

I have attached some further information from the Minister of Education about schools restarting safely, hygiene procedures which will be in place in schools, and important information about what we all need to do to keep our school safe and help stop the spread of COVID-19. There is also a note from your child's class teacher regarding classroom stationery.

On Tuesday, as you enter school, P2-P7 pupils will keep to the right hand side of the playground equipment area (signs are in place to show this). You can follow this path and then break off to queue at your specific door with your child. Your child's teacher and classroom assistants will be at the door/entry point to greet and welcome your child and will be able to explain where to wait. I will also be available to explain and assist you and your child in any way I can. Initially this will take some time and there is likely to be a queue but the idea is that there will eventually be a continual, steady flow of movement and a quick entrance to the building for each child/sibling group as they arrive. I envisage after a few days/in time, older pupils will be able to follow the one way system independently from the entrance gate if you wish, whilst of course younger pupils will need to be escorted by a parent.

The main pedestrian access (Swanston Road) and the side gate access (Sandyknowes) will be open at 8.45am to allow families to begin moving to each area.

The **exit for parents is a one-way system down the school driveway and exit signs are in place**. The same routine will apply at your child's collection time and the teacher will meet you at the same door area as in the morning.

Please note all access doors will be closed at 9.10am each day. Therefore any pupil arriving late must access the building at the main front door.

All children will be asked to sanitise their hands on entry to the building and then wash their hands regularly throughout the day. There will be child-friendly reminder posters and information displayed in

classrooms and bathroom areas outlining good hygiene practices. Your child's teacher will explain and discuss how the day will operate, outline the classroom/school routines and at all times seek to reassure your child and answer any questions or concerns they have.

Overall, we are seeking to make the return to school as familiar and easy for children as possible whilst ensuring that the appropriate safety and hygiene measures that we have all become accustomed to, are in place for everyone.

Please be reassured that the first few days for Primary 7 this week have gone very well and it has been lovely to welcome the children back, see their smiles and talk to them again after all this time. We very much look forward to being able to welcome your child and to talk and smile with them again next week too.

In closing, please note the important information below if relevant for your situation:

Please can you contact the school office via email or telephone if your child was previously shielding (clinically extremely vulnerable people) or if your child is living with someone who was previously shielding.

Yours faithfully

E SINTON (MRS)
Principal