

Derryoover NS

24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**RE: Fáilte ar ais**

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents / guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Monday next, 31<sup>st</sup> August.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the “new circumstances” as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible.

While all children will be welcome back to school, we would remind parents that, where children are displaying colds, coughs or flu like symptoms, they should not be sent to school. Children who display such symptoms in school will be isolated and parents asked to collect them from the school.

Please keep up to date and follow all government advice.

**Children who have travelled from countries not on the Green List should not attend school during the 14-day self-isolation period**

Documents, Detailing the safe return to Derryoover NS are available on the school website for everyone to access. I would encourage all stakeholders to read the documents carefully. The documents were approved by the Board of management at a meeting on the 24.8.20

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*Father Kieran O`Rourke*

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Cathaoirleach, An Bórd Bainistíochta

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