



18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

By now you will probably be aware that the Minister for Education announced late Friday evening that she plans to open schools on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> for special classes and mainstream pupils with additional needs. Like all schools and parents, we are eager to have pupils back in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

At the present time there are a number of health and safety issues for pupils and staff still outstanding and we are awaiting guidelines from the Department of Education and the HSE. Due to the high infection rates of Covid 19 in the Cork City area, the HSE has advised all families to continue to stay at home in an effort to reduce infection.

We are working to ensure all health and safety measures are put in place prior to any reopening and this will require time and clearer guidance from the Department of Education. We will keep you updated as more clarification and guidance is given by the Department.

Finbarr Hurley

Principal