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Dear Parents,

On Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be delighted to welcome back Junior Infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. As a staff we are very eager to get back to in-school learning. The remaining classes are due to return on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Until then they will continue with distance learning. The 2 to 3 club will not recommence until all pupils are back on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. I want to thank all parents and pupils for the efforts made to engage with distance learning. I also want to thank all our staff for ensuring the learning continued. It was a challenging period for all concerned but I was delighted to see such a concentrated effort.

I must acknowledge the determination of pupils, parents and staff to ensure the school was a safe place prior to the closure in early January. The children were a pleasure to deal with throughout the months leading up to Christmas. I have no doubt that they will continue to display excellent adherence the protocols within the school.

I just want to remind people that the measures we had in place before Christmas will remain the same. Some of the main ones were:

- Children will use the same entrances and exits.
- Ms O'Connor's Class will enter the school by the staffroom end and also use the toilets at that end. Ms. Herlihy's will walk around the prefab. Mr. Kelliher's Class will enter via the office end and use the toilets at that side of the school.
- Yards will be divided to ensure classrooms do not mix.
- Hands will be sanitized upon entering and leaving the classrooms.
- Children will be in pods in the Junior Rooms and divided by at least 1m distance in the senior room.
- Any leftover items or litter from a pupil's lunch shall be brought home again. (No sharing of food/ equipment or books).
- School finish times will be staggered to avoid congestion at the gate ( Ms O' Connor: 2:50pm, Mr. Kelliher 2:55pm.)
- Please make an appointment to speak with a teacher.

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- Please see information from department of Education regarding a confirmed case or guidance on close contacts.

We as a staff will do everything to ensure the school environment is a safe place for everyone. All pupils must have a completed 'Return to Education' form with them on Monday. This can be downloaded from the school website. Any absences for the remainder of the year can be logged by parents using the online form that was previously available on the website.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Signed,

*Eugene Kelliher*

Principal (Scoil Mhuire)