



Dear parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well. The Department of Education released their Roadmap for Reopening of schools on July 27th, 2020.

You will find all information in the link below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/a128d-back-to-school/>

There are numerous vital documents here which should answer most questions you may have. Please take the time to read through them.

A great deal of planning over the last number of weeks has helped us prepare for the return to school, however these guidelines are the final piece to the puzzle and we are working to ensure all our school community can return to a safe, vibrant and engaging learning environment.

We are very excited to soon be welcoming students back to Scoil Dara. However, the school environment will look considerably different to the one left behind by our students and staff in March. The creation of student-based classrooms and

social distancing as well as the use of face coverings and visors will now become a part of our daily routine.

The process of getting the school building ready for reopening has been a challenge and is still ongoing. We are currently not in a position to respond to individual queries in relation to the return to school for the moment as our priority is to cover all aspects in our return to Scoil Dara.

We hope to have a full return to school plan in place in the coming days. As new routines and practices are developed over the coming weeks, we will start to compile these and share them with parents and guardians. We will provide you with all the necessary information as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we hope that the weather improves so that you can enjoy the rest of the break. It will be great to be back in school and your support in making that a safe and calm experience for all concerned is essential.

Yours sincerely,

David McCormack