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5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**RE: Re-opening of Dangan NS**

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

As you are aware, our school has now been closed since 12<sup>th</sup> March due to the COVID-19 situation. We are now hoping to re-open our school safely, in line with current guidance and recommendations.

Re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BoM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of teaching and learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

Work has been ongoing on our plan for the safe reopening of the school and the DES COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools will be published on the policies section of our school website in the coming week. The Response Plan will give details of:

- physical preparation and signage
- advice, procedures and training for the safe return to working in the school for all school staff and pupils
- general and specific advice on how all pupils, staff, parents and visitors will prevent the spread of the virus

Our COVID-19 Policy Statement will also be published on the school website at this time. You will be notified as soon as both documents are available. We intend to keep you informed as to the progress of our re-opening plans and provide you with the information required by you to play your part in safely re-opening the school.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and will be doing all that we can to ensure that their return is a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We will be in contact with you again over the coming days and weeks and as planning progresses before the school re-opens.

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Chairperson BOM

  
Acting Principal

The following websites provide further information on COVID-19 and on government advice and recommendations regarding the re-opening of schools:

- <https://www.education.ie/en/covid-19/>
- <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/a128d-back-to-school/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/backtoschool/>