



30th August 2020

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday, 1st September. Please look at 'Arrangements for the Re-Opening of our School' on our website where you will find lots of helpful information. I would like to draw your attention to a few points:

- **Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any COVID symptoms or if they are required to self-isolate**
- Only parents of Junior and Senior Infants should come onto school premises in the morning time. All other parents should leave children at the entry points where staff members will be on duty. Please do not send your child to school before 9am
- Parents / Guardians are required to wear **face coverings** if they come onto the school premises at any time
- Please observe physical distancing on the school premises
- **It would be a great help if children know the name of their new teacher and their room number when they come to school on Tuesday.** This will help to speed up the process of getting children to their new classrooms

- Please follow the guidance of staff members if you come onto the school premises.
We have worked very hard to ensure a safe and orderly return to school but **we rely on you for your full co-operation**
- If you have not paid Book Rental Money (€10) or Art and Craft money (€25), you may pay it tomorrow (Monday) in the hall from 11am to 12 noon

I would like to express my great appreciation to Linda Mackey who has painted a beautiful 'Welcome Wall' at the front of our school. This special piece of work will be enjoyed by children, parents and staff members alike. Thanks also to the other members of the Parents' Association who helped Linda in the creation of this piece.

The Staff of St. Joseph's Mercy Primary School look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school. I hope that it will be a happy, safe and healthy year for all of the members of our school community.

Kind regards,

Ann Murphy