Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the Department of Education has identified Monday 24rd August as the day when some primary school pupils should return to school. Initially they believe that Primary 7 pupils should be the first to return. I hope that all our P7 pupils will be in school that week.

I am very aware that circumstances and guidance is changing all the time. However, at this stage, a few sensible steps seem essential come September:

* We will need to look at arrivals and departures to ensure large numbers do not meet at the gates at the one time.
* All parents will be required to remain outside the school building unless specifically requested to enter.
* School bags and other items from home should not be brought into school.
* Lunches should be in disposable bags.
* Pupils are asked to wear a clean uniform each day, alternating between normal uniform and PE gear.
* Classes will need to remain in social bubbles and break and dinner times will need to be staggered.
* Regular hand sanitizing will become an essential part of our daily routine.

It is my hope that things will change and I will be able to welcome all our pupils back in September and keep them in school for the full day. I hope that Government advice will allow this to happen as the idea of split classes certainly does not benefit the pupils or working parents.

**Please be aware that this information is subject to change depending on evolving DE guidance.**

I will continue to furnish you with updated information via our school website. It is essential that you access and follow this upon receiving a text prompt from myself. Finally, can I thank you all for your efforts in delivering home learning over the past months.

Yours sincerely

Colin Woods

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