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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and all your families are keeping safe and well ?

Since the announcement by the Minister for Education and Skills, Ms Norma Foley of the Roadmap for the Safe Full Reopening of Schools, we have been working hard in Presentation Waterford, to ensure our school has everything in place to reopen for the new school year. We are working in line with the constantly evolving government guidelines to ensure we reduce the risks involved in the spread of Covid-19 amongst our school community.

Our Live School Response Plan is available on our school website and outlines all the measures in place for a safe reopening of our school.

Also, please find enclosed:

- A **summary document outlining our school procedures** in place to allow us to reopen, which outlines the supports for social distancing and hygiene protocols.
- The **schedule for reopening** for each student, together with the **Student Return to School Form**.

****The Return to School Form must be signed by every student and parent** and must be brought into school on your daughter's first day back in the school building. Only students with this completed form can be allowed into school for assemblies.

All staff have worked hard to prepare our school to reopen and we are determined that with the full co-operation of parents, guardians and families and all our safety procedures in place we can reopen safely for everyone.

It is fully understandable that there will be some anxiety among students, parents/guardians and staff in these times of uncertainty, but we will be making every effort to prevent any spread of this virus in our school community. We cannot eliminate all the risks but the procedures we have in place will ensure they are reduced as much as possible. To continuously maintain a safe environment for all, we will require full co-operation from parents/guardians, staff and students with our Response Plan at all times.

We must work together, rise to this challenge, support one another and be the guiding light for our young people. With practical measures in place, a positive attitude, patience and respect for one another, we will prevail.

Supportive Information and guidance for parents/guardians and students on Reopening of Schools can be found on www.gov.ie/backtoschool

As we move closer to reopening, be assured that the procedures now in place in our school setting will be continuously reviewed and updated in line with HSE and Government guidelines.

I would like to thank all the families who have made their Book Rental payments on-line or by calling up to the school. All payments need to be made on or before your daughter's return to school and this can be done by contacting the office on 051-376584 or by calling up to the school office any day between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have any queries or need further clarifications on any issues or procedures being put in place, please don't hesitate to contact us at office@preswaterford.ie or ringing the school office @051-376584.

Many thanks for your ongoing patience, support and co-operation.

Kind regards,

Orla Bolger

School Principal