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Dear parents/guardians and students,

As I write this letter to you, I am pleased to report that all year groups have had their Introduction Meeting and that timetabled classes have begun on a phased basis. By Tuesday next, classes will be fully underway for all students.

I warmly commend our students for their fantastic attendance levels at the meetings and for the great attention they paid to the details provided. It was uplifting to see the brown uniforms out in force again and I cannot wait to see the students going about their young lives in the coming weeks and months with a healthy regard for the safety measures now in place.

Many members of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, played key roles in getting us to this stage. I wish to thank them all for their outstanding work and support. Two, in particular, deserve special recognition as they worked solidly over the past month to configure classrooms, order all PPE, fit Perspex screens, provide signage, organise new furniture and several other tasks – Eoin Cummins and Finbar Laffan. Our re-opening would not have gone so well without their outstanding work and commitment.

I wish to make one point very clear at this time. We all hope to avoid a Covid-19 case in the school. Each of us has a key role to play in achieving this aim. However, should a case occur, it will be managed in full by the HSE. The school will follow all guidance and instructions provided by the HSE. It is essential that you understand this point.

Now that we are back to as near normal as possible, this will be my last regular Friday letter to you. We will continue to update our website, particularly the latest news section, on a weekly basis and I shall write to you as required in the coming months.

Wishing you and your families all the best for the new school year and thanking you for the abundance of support and kind wishes that have come my way over the past six months,

Kind regards,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.