



Dear Parent / Guardian, Staff Member and Pupils,

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents/guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on the 31st of August 2020.

It will take some time for all of us to get used to the "new circumstances" as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist the children to adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible.

*If there are any issues that have arisen in relation to your child's social, emotional or educational welfare since she was last in school, and which you feel the school should be aware of, please e-mail [duleekgirls2009@gmail.com](mailto:duleekgirls2009@gmail.com) and a member of the team will contact you to discuss the matter.*

We have also developed a live FAQ document which will be regularly updated to assist you with any questions you have. If you have a question that isn't covered here, please email us at [duleekgirls2009@gmail.com](mailto:duleekgirls2009@gmail.com) so we can deal with your query. The FAQ document is attached to this note and is also available on our school website [www.duleekgns.ie](http://www.duleekgns.ie).

Please ensure you watch the video of the route your child will take when she enters the building next week. This video link will be shared with you on Friday. A sincere thank you to the pupils and teachers for taking the time to make this very useful resource.

The Department and HSE have also prepared a suite of resources to assist you in preparing your children for going back to school, including posters and videos. These are available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2d3af-advice-during-covid-19-back-to-school-advice-for-parents/>



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who had input into the development of our reopening plans. A huge amount of time has gone into the development of the plans with great collaboration between the two schools. A particular mention must go to Peter our caretaker who has undertaken a huge amount of additional work to ensure all will be ready for the 31st of August. We would also like to thank Gary, Selena and all the fantastic team at Supreme Clean who have the school spotless, sanitised and safe for our pupils.

Duleek has a wonderful school community and I have no doubt we will rise to the challenge of reopening our school building during these unprecedented times. We thank you in advance for your patience, kindness and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mr McGovern

