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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are really looking forward to seeing the children again and to welcoming them back to St, Thomas SNS next week. It has been such a long time since their last day in school on 12th March. A special welcome to our new 3rd class pupils.

The Board of Management and staff have been working to put all possible measures in place to ensure a safe return to school for your children. There will be a staggered return to school. See attached for details

We are at all times following the *COVID – 19 Guidelines for the safe and sustainable reopening of primary schools* issued by the Department of Education and Skills and the advice from NPHE about physical distancing.

School will be different for all of us and will take some time for us all to get used to the new routines and procedures.

These new routines and procedures are based on the Guidelines issued by the DES and all schools must follow them.

The school COVID 19 Response plan and Risk Assessment will be on the school website by tomorrow at the latest and can be accessed here www.stthomas.ie. They outline all the measures put in place that aim to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school environment. The plan may be amended or changed at the direction of the Board of Management.


We know that school will be very different for all of us when we go back but we cannot wait to get there.

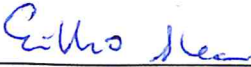
Some things remain the same however and we are blessed with very dedicated teachers and SNAs who are delighted to be going back to school and welcoming your children back next week.

We have put the answers to the most commonly asked questions for you which should explain a little more about how the school will operate from next week outlining the key changes. Please take a moment to become familiar with it.

It is very important that we all work together to keep everybody safe. We thank you for your support to date and look forward to getting back to school.

Kind Regards


Mary Dalton


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