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Dear Parent / Guardian

We hope you are all keeping well and we have no doubt that you are all preparing for the return to school. We are all looking forward to the reopening and to seeing our children after all this time.

The BoM, Principal and School Leadership team and, in particular our caretakers, have been working continuously to ensure a safe return to school for all pupils on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. This has always been our intention and this letter is to bring some important information to your attention regarding our opening times based on current information available. It is very important to us that we make the return to school a positive experience for everyone involved and that this is done in as safe and practical manner as possible.

We will continue to work diligently as we have over the past few months and realise there are still many challenges we have to face, however we will continue to follow latest recommendation from the Department of Education and Public Health Advisors. There are many things within our control that we can manage but there are some things that are outside of our control that we cannot.

**New Prefabricated Accommodation** - Hopefully you are aware of, and you may have seen, the new prefabs on site. It is a building of high standard and we are very happy with it. It will accommodate all our post primary aged pupils in six classes and replaces our old senior school.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of our control and on recent advice, the building will not be certified for handover in time to open on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Because of this delay we are unable to gain access and move all our equipment in. The move involves relocating 9 classes, 7 to the new build, one class from the old senior school to the main building and one class internally.

We will have to clean and prepare all the rooms within current guidelines and we are ready to do this once we gain access. Staff will be in school throughout this period to assist with this. ***We are sorry to announce that all those children involved in the move will not be able to attend school until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.*** We apologise for this but we are comfortable

in the knowledge that by this date everything possible will have been done to ensure the safety of your child and the staff.

We would also like to assure you that everything possible has been done and strategies are in place to make the eventual move as swift and efficient as possible.

This decision does not affect all the classes in school, those classes located in the main building will be able to return to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> September as planned. We are aware that parents may not be aware of the class their child is in and whether or not they are in the new prefabs. Class groupings were revised when our teaching numbers were reduced.

To that effect we will be writing to parents to advise what date their child will start school. It is important that we get your continued support in this matter and would ask, should your child's return to school unfortunately be delayed until the 7<sup>th</sup>, that you please do not send him or her in. We are excited to welcome all our children back all the staff are looking forward to seeing our children again.

If you require any information regarding this please email the school on [office@stannesthecurragh.ie](mailto:office@stannesthecurragh.ie) .

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