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Dear Parents/guardians

We are beginning another week in school and I am happy to say that everyone has settled back to school very well. All the children are delighted to be back and it is wonderful to be able to return to the structure of the school day.

We are continuing to implement our Covid plan and we are being extra vigilant bearing in mind our school population. So far it has been very successful and thanks to your input a lot of our pupils will wear their own mask or visor with a good understanding of why they may be needed. This is something we do not insist on but we are very happy to support those pupils who wish to wear one.

I would like to ask you for your continued support over the next few weeks in particular. If your child has any cold like symptoms, coughs, sneezes, sore throats etc. please err on the side of caution and keep him/her at home. We are aware that it, more than likely, may not be Covid related but they may still feel unwell. Bugs and viruses can spread rapidly in a school like ours due to staff working in close proximity with our children. This can have a knock on effect on staffing and our ability to maintain the appropriate level of cover required for each class.

I know that with the recent closures we have all had to live with, everyone wishes to get back to what should be everyday life for us all, however, as a school we cannot be complacent. We have limited access to substitute staff and I am very reluctant to close classes, unfortunately at this early stage in the term this has already happened. Please understand that, in accordance with our plan, classes will close in the event of not being able to access substitute cover. We are trying to prevent this from happening by asking for your co-operation

Everyone is working together to ensure that this is a positive term for our pupils and that they are safe and happy. Your continued support is very much appreciated at this time.

Kind regards  
Pauline Dempsey  
Principal