



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Third - Sixth Class Pupils,

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I hope you are keeping well and safe at this crazy time.

Last Monday, 22nd February, we welcomed the pupils in our Special Class back to school. Next Monday, 1st March, we will welcome the pupils from Junior Infants - Second classes back to school as part of the phased re-opening of schools. Unfortunately, we will have to wait another few weeks to welcome the pupils from Third - Sixth Classes back to school.

I want to acknowledge and express my appreciation and that of the entire Board of Management, for the considerable extra work and personal sacrifices made by all our parents/guardians and staff in order to maintain a degree of teaching and learning over the last seven weeks.

I ask all the pupils from Third - Sixth Classes to continue to engage with their teachers as enthusiastically as they have been doing over the last seven weeks. The teachers are most impressed with the level of engagement with their pupils and the standard of the work being presented to them.

I understand that home schooling is very difficult. I want to compliment you, the parents/guardians on the great job you are doing in helping your child at this difficult time. Please continue to liaise with your child's teachers and in a few short weeks, we will all be back in school again.

While there is undoubtedly a long road ahead, there is hope that better times are imaginable with the availability of vaccines and the roll out of an inoculation programme.

I will be in contact with you when we are informed of a possible date for the return of our Third - Sixth class pupils.

Please see the following link for 'Back to School Advice for COVID-19' and 'Support for parents while schools are closed'

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/5572b-back-to-school-advice-for-parents-students-and-families/>

Continue to stay safe and well and I look forward to meeting our Third - Sixth class pupils next month.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Flahive

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Principal.