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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardians,

As you are aware Salesian Primary School is planning to re-open its doors to pupils on Monday 31st of August 2020. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a roadmap for how we intend to introduce our Junior and Senior infant pupils back to school in a safe, calm and enjoyable manner.

Firstly, we would like to assure you that plans and preparations are well underway for our safe return to school. In those plans we are keeping the safety and health of all to the fore. We look forward to seeing all of our pupils again and to welcoming our Senior Infant pupils back to Salesian Primary School.

As our return to school draws closer, we are conscious that our parents and pupils may be experiencing a whole array of mixed emotions at this point, some even more so than usual, considering our current situation. Rest assured, these feelings are perfectly normal and our aim is to make this transition as pleasant and structured as possible for you and your child while also adhering to current public health guidelines. Your child's safety and wellbeing is our number one priority. We acknowledge the fact that our pupils have not been in the formal school setting since March 12th 2020. Therefore, bearing all of this in mind, we feel it best to re-introduce your child to the school environment by adopting a slow and staggered approach which aims to allow your child to have a calm and positive experience whether they are being reintroduced to school or they are joining us for the very first time.

Please find our proposed plan for **Senior Infants** outlined below:

Week 1		
Date	Time	Class
Monday August 31st	09:15-10:15 11:15-12:15	Senior Infants Group 1* Senior Infants Group 2*
Tuesday September 1st	09:15-10:15 11:15-12:15	Senior Infants Group 3* Senior Infants Group 4*
Wednesday September 2nd	09:15-10:15 11:15-12:15	Senior Infants Group 5* Senior Infants Group 6*
Thursday September 3rd	09:15-11:15	All Senior Infant Pupils
Friday September 4th	09:15-11:15	All Senior Infant Pupils


*Please note you will receive further correspondence in the coming days to outline which group session your child should attend between August 31st-Sept 2nd. ***Your child will only attend school for x1 (one hour session) over the course of these 3 days.*** From Thursday 3rd September your child will be attending school **every** day for the outlined period of time.

We have decided to keep the groups small over the first few days to allow **one** parent/ guardian to accompany their child to the classroom on the **first** day. We hope that this arrangement will offer some reassurance to you and your child at this time as some children may experience a little anxiety returning to school and going to a new classroom environment located in a different section of the building to what they were previously used to. *We ask that the accompanying adult wear a face covering inside the school building.* This person will be permitted to remain in the classroom with their child for a **maximum of 15 minutes**. From Thursday, 3rd September, we will appreciate your cooperation in NOT entering the building as this will help to ensure the health and safety for all concerned.

Week 2 Onwards		
Date	Time	Class
Monday September 7th onwards	08:50-1:30 (Full Day)	All Senior Infant Pupils

Please check your emails regularly as we will be forwarding further information in relation to the groups. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the outlined proposals. We look forward to your return.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Aisling Murray (Acting Principal) 

and The Team of Senior Infant Teachers: Ms. Sarah O' Sullivan, Ms. Mary Cahillane Vallely, Ms. Cathy Connors.