

# St Joseph's Girls Primary School.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At long last it is time to get back to school!

The Board of Management and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents/Guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

We are satisfied that we have control measures in place to ensure that this will be a safe re-opening. It will take some time for all of us to get used to the "new circumstances" as we become familiar with the new routines and procedures designed to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. There will, undoubtedly, be some unforeseen challenges and we will deal with these as they arise.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we help the children adapt to the necessary changes. We are also conscious of the fact that our pupils have not been in school since March and that they are looking forward to coming back to school to meet their friends again. We are aware that our new pupils are beginning a school year at a challenging time and have made plans to ensure that their arrival will be as free from stress as possible.

Attached please find a short version of our new procedures and guidelines. You can find the full details on our website [www.stjosephsfinglas.net](http://www.stjosephsfinglas.net). It is very important that you read the full guidelines and that everyone is familiar with them. The documents on our website that we recommend you read are:

- Dept of Education Covid Response Plan for Safe Re-opening of schools
- The Draft St. Joseph's Logistics plan (This is often updated)
- The St. Joseph's GNS Policy Statement

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school and will be doing all we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children.

Our aim remains to re-open the school in an orderly safe manner, while reassuring the children and making them feel comfortable, safe and relaxed with their friends in the new school environment. This will be achieved by all of us working towards this common goal.

If we can help you in any way or if you have any questions or concerns please call 01-8342433. You can also call or text/Whatsapp 083-8822037.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal