

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

RE: Fáilte ar ais

The BoM and School Staff are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils and parents/guardians back to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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.

Please familiarise yourself with the changes to entry and exit from school, new office locations and rules regarding parents and visitors attending onsite. Masks must be worn by all parents, guardians and visitors. Please observe all social distancing guidelines and make timely drop off and collections. Parents of children from Senior Infants to Sixth Class will not be permitted onsite during drop off and collection of pupils.

The school is in the process of transferring its administration online using Aladdin. This is a comprehensive package which allows for a centralised administration of all areas of school life including a payment facility for school related expenses. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

In order to facilitate home school communication and prepare for online payments, can you please email your child's new class teacher, giving your name, your child's name and your email address.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making preparations to date and look forward to working with you as we assist 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.

If there is any issue which has arisen in relation to your child's social, emotional or educational welfare since s/he was last in school, and which you feel the school should be aware of, please e-mail the school at [principal@stlachtainsns.ie](mailto:principal@stlachtainsns.ie) and the Principal, or another Staff member, will contact you to discuss the matter.

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