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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Firstly, I want to wish you all a very happy New Year, and sincerely hope you all had a safe and peaceful Christmas.

As you are probably aware by now schools will not open as originally intended on Wednesday 6th January. Instead the revised date for reopening is **Monday 11th January**.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following guidelines around sending your child to school.

Please see <u>HSE Covid</u> for more details around this.

Do not send your child to school or childcare <u>if any of the following apply</u>. Your child has:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- any other common symptoms of COVID-19 a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has recently become worse
- been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- been living with someone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
- other uncommon symptoms of COVID-19, such as sore throat or headaches
- diarrhoea
- returned from another country in the last 14 days

There will, no doubt, be much media speculation around return to school dates, but should the current advice change, I will be in touch.

Until then, I wish you and your families health and peace as we navigate these uncertain times.

With every good wish, Caitriona McCormack