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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are nearly ready for reopening on Monday. The Department of Education website has answers for some of the frequently asked questions. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/389bd-topics-being-raised-on-the-back-to-school-helpline/>

The same site has some advice especially for parents which is well worth looking at.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2d3af-advice-during-covid-19-back-to-school-advice-for-parents/>

Here in Ballycullane NS we have

- a. hand sanitizers in classrooms and inside entrances,
- b. hand washing facilities in classrooms,
- c. cleaning routine laid out
- d. desks are spaced according to guidelines
- e. separate entrances for each classroom
- f. separate play areas for each class room
- g. bundles of class books and copies ready for each child.

You as parents can help in the following practical ways

- a. Do not congregate at school drop off or collection. Encourage children who can walk/cycle to school to do so. You might consider dropping/collecting older pupils at the car park near the church.
- b. Make sure that children wash hands last thing before leaving home. They will sanitise them on entering school.
- c. Please keep school uniform for school use. Change into own clothes immediately on returning home each afternoon.
- d. Children should have their own pencils, colours, pens, etc
- e. Do not bring personal games and toys etc to school.

We will not be giving homework for the first few weeks until the new routines are well practised and any hitches ironed out. I realise that individual circumstances for some families make the return to school an anxious time. Be aware that we are taking all advised precautions.

We look forward to meeting our Junior Infants on Friday afternoon at 2pm for an hour. Ms Aoife Grace will be their teacher. Everyone else starts school on Monday 31st August. Drop off is between 9.05 and 9.20am. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Le gach dea-ghuí

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