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Dear Parents and Students,

As we get closer to the reopening of the school, I would like to bring to your attention the school's Covid 19 Response Plan. This is a plan drafted by the Department of Education and Skills for all schools. The plan is now available on the website. Please consult this document if you have any queries about the school plan.

The Minister for Education and Skills has informed post primary schools that based on health advice face coverings are required for all staff and students. **Thus, students must wear masks in school.** Students who have medical or special needs and have documented this to the school may wear visors rather than masks if necessary.

Information on this is provided in <u>Section 5.8</u> of the Covid 19 Response Plan. We will provide students with visors, but parents/students must purchase their own cloth coverings.

Cloth face masks should be of plain or neutral design or pattern. Please do not use novelty or loud/offensive face masks.

As it is a requirement based on health advice and for everyone's safety and peace of mind, I ask that all students and parents support the wearing of face coverings in school.

Finally, we are a little behind on issuing information for equipment lists for TY and Fifth Year – we hope to have this finalised by tomorrow. As you can appreciate, we are exceptionally busy, but we are doing our very best to get everything in place for the safe return to school.

Thank you all once again for your support of everything we are trying to do.

Yours sincerely

Fergal Boyle

Principal

