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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you had a good Easter break with your family. Monastery NS reopens for school on **Monday April 12th**. We have all worked so well together to keep our school free from Covid infection to date and I ask that you continue to support our school community. If we can all **hold firm** this term we will be in a much better place soon.

We have to make sure that we keep our school open. For this reason I remind parents / guardians of the following:

1. Ensure that you socially distance on the way to school and outside the school gates. **Do not congregate.**
2. If you are permitted onto the school grounds to drop off / collect your son **YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING and maintain a social distance from others.**
3. **Please complete and send back the Return to Education Declaration Form** that was posted to you last term and also available on our website at www.monasterynsardee.ie **Return one copy per child to his teacher on Monday morning.** This form should be completed and returned after every absence.
4. **4th, 5th and 6th classes return to our School Field at break times this term. Ensure your son brings his boots/wellies and two pairs of socks back to school on Monday.**
5. **In order to minimise the spread of Covid infection in our school community we request that senior pupils (3rd to 6th class) wear a face covering, if possible, when they return to school on Monday April 12th.** Please note that this is not mandatory but we would appreciate your cooperation with this measure. Please ensure that a clean face covering is provided each day. Face coverings will not be worn at break times.
6. **Continue to follow Government advice as per current level measures.** Stay at home within your own family bubble. Do not mix with other households. Do not arrange play dates or sleepovers.
7. **Communication** - All school related enquiries should be made to the school office by telephoning 041-6853641 or by email to officeardeemns@gmail.com In order to maximise teaching contact time we would appreciate if you did not contact teacher directly by email or via our school VLEs, MNS Seesaw or MNS Google Classroom.
8. **I remind parents of our school policy in relation to Covid-19.** See also Covid Information and Advice for Parents on our website.
 - **Do not send your son to school if he is a close contact of a person with Covid-19, are awaiting a test or experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.** See Covid symptoms list and advice at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html> Contact your GP immediately for advice. If your GP sends your son for a Covid test and/or your son is required to self isolate we would appreciate it if you would immediately inform the school office. All disclosures are strictly confidential.
 - **Do not send your son to school if you or a family member are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19 or if you live with someone who has symptoms of the virus.**
 - **Do not send your son to school if you have travelled outside of Ireland.** We advise you to consult and follow the latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel at www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/

We look forward to seeing our boys back at school on Monday and thank you for your cooperation with all of the above.

Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength without unity).

Yours sincerely,

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