

Creagh National School



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Dear Parent / Guardian/Staff Member

RE: Re-opening of Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál (Creagh N.S.)

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

As you are aware, our school has now been closed since 12th March due to the COVID-19 situation. **We are now hoping to re-open our school fully for all pupils, on Tuesday September 1st 2020**, in line with current guidance and recommendations. **We will be inviting all pupils to come to the school, in class groupings, during Monday the 31st of August for a brief induction gathering** (30 minutes approximately) in order to familiarize them with the new protocols in a safe and organized manner. Times for each class and details will be issued later.

Re-opening the school safely will require the co-operation of all members of our School Community – BoM, School Leadership, Staff, Parents and Pupils. We will all be called on to play our part in ensuring that re-opening of the school is done in a safe manner which prevents the spread of the virus and allows the vital work of Teaching and Learning to proceed with as little disruption as possible.

We have been working on our plan for the safe reopening of the school for some weeks now and have published the DES COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of Primary and Special Schools on our school website. The Response Plan gives details of

- Physical preparation, signage, hand sanitiser stations,
- Advice, procedures and training for the safe return to working in the school for all school staff and pupils
- General and specific advice on how all pupils, staff, parents and visitors will prevent the spread of the virus

We have also published our COVID-19 Policy Statement on the school website. These documents are available to view on our school website: creaghsonline.com. We will be keeping this section updated throughout the summer. Our BoM will keep you informed as to the progress of our re-opening plans and provide you with the information required by you to play your part in safely re-opening the school.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children back to school and will be doing all that we can to ensure that the return to school is a safe and enjoyable experience for the children. We will be in touch with you regularly before school re-opens.

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Mr. Frank Gallagher Chairperson Board of Management

Mr. Noel Lohan School Principal