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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. In light of the Taoiseach's announcement on Tuesday, I am delighted to say that our pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class will return to school on Monday March 1st. The Department of Education have also targeted a date, Monday 15th of March, for the return to school for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class.

As a staff at Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, we will continue to ensure the safety and well being of all our pupils, as much as possible. However there are a few key points that I would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers of;

- There should be **No Congregation** outside the school during this phase or at any stage.
- Staff engagement should be requested through the school and will be provided by telephone or through the online communication tool used in the school- SEESAW. Please continue to wear a face mask collecting your child.
- The same Covid19 safety routines apply as set out by the school in September 2020 - Morning arrival, collection time, assigned entrances, break times, assigned yards, bubbles, pods, regular correct hand washing, sanitising, good respiratory etiquette & PE days.
- There will be no GAA coach calling to the school. This will be reviewed at Easter.

First Confession, First Holy Communion & Confirmation – Sacraments:

- **First Confession & First Holy Communion** dates are to be decided. We have been advised by the Bishops office not to set a date at the moment.
- **Confirmation:** Scheduled for 5th May. We are awaiting confirmation of further details and I will inform you all when we receive same.

School Closures:

Bank Holiday – Wednesday March 17th

Easter Break – Starting Friday March 26th

Re-opening Monday 12th April

PLEASE NOTE: Pupil Declaration: All parents are required to fill in the Return to Education form online before your child comes back to school:

<https://forms.gle/6sR6XuWGfuxhyAAq9>

Department letter to Parents: <http://www.newinngirlsschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/DEPARTMENT-Letter-to-parents-and-guardians-24-Feb.pdf>

A special word of thanks to all the children and parents who have put in a fantastic effort into remote learning. We know that this was a challenging time but all the staff were blown away with the level of engagement and standard of completed tasks. Míle buíochas!