



21 August 2020.

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Student(s)

Hope you are all keeping well. These are some more details about the reopening of Mercy Ballymahon. Next week I will give the details on the new ordering and pay system for our school canteen run by Get Fresh Catering and a map showing the layout of the school for each year group.

I want to inform you of the following.

- **PPE**

Guidance issued to us today is that students **must** wear face masks.

I recommend that every student has 3 re-usable **plain coloured** face masks.

I recommend that each student has 2 small plastic folders/cases: one for clean face masks and one for used face masks. Use 3 masks each day and wash in the evening.

On return to school students will be provided with training on:

- How to use a face mask correctly.
- How to sanitise your hands correctly.
- How to wash your hands correctly.
- Cough and sneeze etiquette.

- **It is very important that all students observe this crucial guidance for each other's safety.**

- Because we will all be wearing face coverings, each student will be given a name badge on their return to school and must wear it each day. It will be regarded as part of the school uniform.
- All students are expected to wear the full uniform. If a student wears incorrect shoes, they will be given a new pair of shoes and charged €10. In these times we expect full co-operation with uniform.
- Advice issued to us today is that water filters be disconnected. Students will need to bring in their own water.

Yours sincerely,

Josephine Donohue
Principal