

# Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa Junior School

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Principal– Maria White

Deputy Principal – Sarah Liddy

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Dear parent(s) / guardian(s),

I am delighted to take this opportunity to write to you as the newly appointed Chairperson of the Board of Management of Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa. It is an honour and a privilege to undertake the role of Chairperson of such a vibrant, well organised, child centred school.

I am writing to let you know that planning for the reopening of the school has been underway since May when Ms White, with the assistance of the staff, devised a draft reopening plan. This detailed draft plan was presented to the Board of Management at its meeting in June. The Board is committed to giving its full support to Ms White and the staff in their determination to fully reopen the school. The recent government ‘Roadmap for the full return to School’ provided the necessary additional information to allow the draft plan be adjusted to ensure full compliance with government guidelines.

Ms White will be in touch with you all soon with more detailed information about procedures for the reopening of the school and its reconfiguration where that was required to ensure compliance with government guidelines. The aim of Ms White, every member of staff and the Board is to welcome back all of your children to full time face to face education in an environment which is safe and an atmosphere which is happy, confident and as free of anxiety as the current situation allows.

The Board of Management will continue to be proactive in responding to any changes which may become necessary as a result of a changing situation or new governmental / health guidelines. The Board will take any decisions it feels necessary to support Ms White and the school staff in ensuring that the school is at all times working within the government framework for safety in schools.

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to acknowledge and applaud the work and creativity of the school staff since 11th March in providing for the continued education of all of the children of the school. The Board also recognises the obligations which home schooling placed on parents/ guardians and thanks you for the manner in which you actively engaged with teachers.

We all recognise that this period has been very hard on children and that children need to get back to school. The Principal, staff and Board of Management of Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa fervently hope that the progression of this virus will continue to allow this full return to school to be possible.

I hope that you and your child / children enjoy the remaining weeks of holiday and I very much look forward to meeting with the parents of the school at future school events.

With every good wish for the continued safety and welfare of you and all your family,

Miriam Marsh  
Chairperson, Board of Management