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FAO: Parents / Guardians:

Due to the ongoing efforts to manage a re-opening of school for all pupils it has been necessary to amend the return to school schedule. Of paramount concern is the safety of all pupils and staff and it is essential that all pupils and parents / guardians understand the significant changes to the school's operating systems and structures and their responsibilities to co-operate with the revised protocols.

Returning to school is going to be a challenge for all and if it is to succeed it will depend on teamwork by the staff, pupils and parents. There will be quite dramatic changes to the routines we took for granted. Most obvious will be that classes will be assigned a fixed classroom and the teachers will move between classrooms. (Classes will move for Practical Classes.) The morning and lunch breaks will be staggered.

To ensure that each pupil can appreciate what is expected, to reduce any anxiety and be confident that risk to all is minimised we will spend considerable time with the pupils explaining the systems we are putting in place and why we must follow these systems. Therefore each year group will have an Induction day when the other year groups remain at home.

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The Board of Management has examined the range of adjustments that are required – including substantial physical adjustments and we are currently reviewing several policies – including Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Enrolment & Admissions, Mobile Phone, Uniform, Code of Behaviour – in the context of Covid-19. Parents /Guardians are welcome to submit any observations or proposals regarding policies via the Central Parents Committee.

As hygiene is closely associated with transmission we are proposing that the Uniform policy could be amended to allow for any necessary washing during the week. An initial proposal is that Monday, Wednesday and Friday would be Uniform days and Tuesday and Thursday the pupils would have the option of a track suit or casual clothing.

There are very many adjustments required and extensive work is and has been underway. Not all preparations have been finalised but we intend to do everything in our power to get our school open and keep our pupils and staff safe. We are a large school but we have considerable space to manipulate and we have significant external spaces for the pupils.

A broad outline of how we will operate will be issued in due course to all parents / guardians. We will advise on any measures parents / guardians need to consider in preparation for the return to school. For

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the moment we wish to provide some clarity around the dates for reopening.

Paul Fiorentini
Principal

10th Aug. 2020

REOPENING SCHEDULE for Pupils:

Monday 31st August : 1st Years

Tuesday 1st Sept: 2nd Years

Wednesday 2nd Sept: 3rd Years and 5th LCA & 6th Year LCA

Thursday 3rd Sept: 5th Years and TYA, TYB & TYC

Friday 4th Sept: 6th Years and TYD, TYE, TYF.

Only those Year Groups for each individual day will attend on that day and all Year Groups will return together on Monday 7th September.

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