

DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

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Dear Principal

I write to let you know that you are very much in my thoughts and prayers as your school reopens to welcome pupils during these days. I am also thinking of your school staff and school community at this time. I recall 12th March this year when schools closed suddenly and all our lives were changed instantly. This was an enormous change for you as well as for all the children and families that you serve. I know that you have developed new and creative ways to support your pupils and their families in that time and these have been really appreciated.

Safely reopening schools will be challenging for you and your staff. I know that you have been preparing for some time with your staff, Board of Management and many volunteers to put precautions in place for a safe reopening. I am conscious at the best of times you face many challenges as you reopen for the new school year and now you are faced with even more challenges.

One of the great strengths of our Catholic schools is that they form part of a wider parish and faith community who support one another. I want you to know that your work contributes enormously to your local parish community and is deeply appreciated.

I hope these coming days go well for you and that you will have every support as you face the inevitable challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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