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Dear Parents/Guardians

Today we had five year groups attending school and following our new COVID-19 protocols. I am very grateful to all the staff and students for their adherence to the various guidelines and procedures in such a respectful manner and despite the enormous challenges posed by adverse weather conditions and technical failures. As I said to students and staff, the priority over the next few days is the safe and sustainable return to school of all students, identify problem areas and attempt to address them. Teaching and learning will become a priority once the initial issues are addressed.

We have worked hard to accommodate all students as far as is practicable and safe in classrooms and it will not be possible to move students between classes at this stage. We have tried to minimise the length of time students are live-streaming classes from the hall and we will liaise with class teachers to ensure an even distribution of time spent in the hall.

We are also planning for the release of the Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades, next Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, and there may be some impact on classes as our Care Team are freed up to be available to students from the class of 2020.

Thank you for your continued support and encouraging emails to both myself and Mary Molloy, the Deputy Principal.

Yours sincerely

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Deirdre Gogarty  
**Principal**