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Dear Clann

I hope you have had a safe and peaceful summer so far and your family are keeping well. At the end of July the Department of Education and Skill published the [Roadmap](#) for returning to school. Since then the Senior Leadership Team and I have held a number of meetings, and have met with the leadership team from the LMETB. We have been working on the CNI Plan for return and look forward in the coming weeks to outlining the key parts of it for you and your daltaí.

There is no doubt it will be a challenge for all schools. Classrooms that once held 30 students will now be required to hold 30, 24, 20 or 17 - based on the size of the room. For schools like CNI, which are at full student capacity with no 'spare' classrooms, we really are being required to think *outside the box*. We are currently reimagining our entire school building to ensure the full return of daltaí in line with Public Health Advice and the Roadmap for Reopening Schools. It is our priority that all students return to school.

If however, your child is deemed vulnerable due to health conditions or personal circumstances, we need to plan specifically around their needs. We already have a CNI Health Register but in light of COVID we ask that all Parents/Guardian of students that may be in this category to e-mail the Deputy Principal, Mr. Liam Reilly at [lreilly.cni@lmetb.ie](mailto:lreilly.cni@lmetb.ie) with the subject title:

**COVID Vulnerable Student (Year and Class /Rang Group)**

Please include a full description of the vulnerability in light of COVID Pandemic in the email body. If further information is required we will follow up with you individually.

While final decisions have yet to be made about how the school will fully reopen it is worth highlighting some key points:

- Our focus for the daltaí upon return is establishing safe routine and supporting their wellbeing.
- Instructions issued by the school in the coming weeks (drop off, use of materials, lunch time procedures, exiting the building etc) must be **fully** adhered to. Getting the basics of health and safety right is the first step in supporting your child's learning.
- Promoting personal responsibility at home and in school will be essential in protecting our school community.
- It is unlikely that there will be a return of extra-curricular activities in the short term.

I will be in further contact with you in the coming weeks with further details. We will continue to email daltaí updates, send texts linking to school website and updating school Twitter account (@CNIOfficial). If any direct concerns arise, you can email the main office at [colaistenahinse@lmetb.ie](mailto:colaistenahinse@lmetb.ie).

Finally can I say well done to all of you for the actions you have already taken. It was so encouraging to observe from afar the work your community took to protect each other during this time. Through social media, phone calls and emails I heard of huge campaigns to keep the beach area safe, great reports of young people observing public health advice, former pupils working tirelessly as health care and frontline workers, acts of kindness during community bereavements and acts of inspiration as we opened back up. While the planning required to reopen CNI in a few weeks is enormous I am confident, with your help, that we will be able to achieve this.

It will be slow and steady that wins this race, and I look forward to your support as we endeavour to get the CNI ship with a full crew of students and staff sailing safely on the 2020-21 journey.

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