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Dear Parents and Students,

As we get closer to the reopening of the school, I would like to bring to your attention the school's Covid 19 Response Plan. The plan is now available on the website. Please consult this document if you have any queries about the school plan. We have also prepared an FAQ document for Parents/Guardians.

The Minister for Education and Skills has informed post primary schools that based on health advice, face coverings are required for all staff and students. **Thus, students and staff must wear visors in Virginia College.** As previously informed a visor will be provided to all students on their first day in school. Students who have medical or special needs and have documented this to the school may still be required to wear a visor. Information on this is provided in Section 5.8.2 of the Covid 19 Response Plan. **Cloth face masks can be worn instead of a visor and must be of plain design only.** Please do not use novelty or loud/offensive face masks. I ask that all students and parents support the wearing of face coverings in school.

Procedures will be implemented for one-way systems, staggering of breaks and pupil entry/exit to the building. These procedures will be explained in detail on your son/daughters first day in school. Lockers will not be available initially and we are working with Get Fresh catering to open the canteen safely as soon as possible. However, it will not open in the first week and students should bring a lunch with them.

All students will receive an induction program on their first day in school to learn about the new protocols as we are in a new learning environment. Please arrange to have your student in school by 8:45am on their first morning.

As you can appreciate, we are exceptionally busy, but we are doing our very best to get everything in place for the safe return to school. Thank you all once again for your support of everything we are trying to do.

Kind Regards,

Niall Lynch.