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A Welcome Note from Aisling.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our pupils and staff after what has been an unprecedented time in the history of Irish Education.

Since the school closure in March, Teachers have put in place many valuable structures and systems to support pupils remotely. Padlet and Sea- Saw platforms contain teaching and learning video across all curricular areas; these lessons and activities are archived now on our Web-site.

The Multi-Disciplinary Team supported pupils through these platforms also, sharing valuable supportive resources.

It is reassuring to see pupils learning and playing in their classrooms/pods with their friends. They have missed each-other, and have spent no time catching up on friendships again! We have missed them too, and sounds of laughter from the play-grounds of OLG School and our neighbours in Scoil Barra bring joy to the community here in Innishmore, Ballincollig.

As we proceed with the new school year we will endeavour to do our best to minimise risk to everyone in our community, by adhering to emerging Government Guidelines and by communicating up-dated information, risk assessments and OLG covid 19 response plans to families and staff expediently. It is important therefore that families and staff check their e-mails regularly for up-dates. We are in this together.

Currently a new school play-ground is being installed in OLG School. The builders are installing a large soft surface area, play-ground equipment and relaxation pods. Our out-door space has never been more important than now, and we are very grateful for our Spraoi Track and wonderful new play-ground. Keep an eye on our Face-book page for progress photos!

We expect there will be challenges to overcome in the weeks and months that lie ahead. We have learned new ways over the last while, and hopefully, by putting into practice up-dated advices from the HSE, we will continue to learn together safely.

We look forward to the school year ahead, and to all the celebrations and occasions of joy we experience in the course of daily school life.

“ Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in our hearts” Winnie The Pooh.