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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. It is hard to believe that it is over two and a half months since the children were last in school. In that time, I have been very impressed with the work that our pupils and their families have been doing at home. All of the teachers want to remind you that no family should feel under pressure to get every piece of work done every day. Do what you can – that is more than enough!

As June is always a very busy month at Nano Nagle, I wanted to update you on a few matters:

- The school calendar for next year has been agreed between ourselves and the senior school. We aim to return to school on **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.** I am attaching the calendar to this e-mail. Please download it and save it for future reference. Please remember that a copy of this calendar will also be available on the school website – [www.scoilnanonagle.com](http://www.scoilnanonagle.com)
- School reports will be **e-mailed** to families later this month. It is hoped that you will receive them by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Due to the current restrictions, our second hand uniform sale will not take place this June. For those of you who need to purchase a new school jumper or tracksuit top, our official supplier (*The School Warehouse*) are now taking online orders on their website. The link is <https://schoolwarehouse.ie/product-category/scoil-nano-nagle/> I am also attaching an important note from *The School Warehouse* for your information.
- The book lists for next year have been finalised. The school has worked hard to maintain the bills at the same rate as last year; €110 for Junior & Senior Infants and €120 for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. **Please remember that the school order all of the books, copies and other materials, so there is no need to worry about sourcing them yourself** I am attaching the book bill for your child's class next year.

- Due to the current restrictions, the school office **will not** be accepting cash/coins in September. We are currently setting up an electronic payment system that will allow families to pay for books through an online portal. This will be a much better system for the school and for families. I will provide more details of this system in a few weeks and we will be able to start accepting payments for books before the end of June.
- Many parents and children are wondering who their teacher will be next year. Most of our classes will have a different teacher in September. A number of teachers are taking a year's leave and we have some teachers returning to us also for the start of the new school year. I also have to hire new staff but I am not allowed to do this for a few more weeks. Once I have finalised the staff for next year, I will let you all know. This will not happen until the end of June.
- The teachers and I want to return books and other classroom belongings to families as soon as possible. We plan to do this on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** If you have any books belonging to the school (**library books or reading packs**), please bring them with you for drop-off. **I will provide more details about how we will do this in a few days via e-mail.**
- Please remember to check in on our website [www.scoilnanonagle.com](http://www.scoilnanonagle.com) and to follow our twitter account [@NanoScoil](https://twitter.com/NanoScoil) for useful information and updates. In the case of any urgent queries, please e-mail the school for assistance – [nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com](mailto:nanonagleinfo2@gmail.com)

I do understand that many of you are concerned about September and going back to school. We are awaiting information about the return from the Department of Education. Rest assured that we will be following the public health guidance, and that pupil, parent and staff safety will be my top priority. However, it is still too early to be fully certain about what lies ahead.

Of course, there will be changes to how Nano Nagle operates. These changes will have effects on pupils, parents and staff. One example will be major restrictions on parents and other visitors coming in to the school building. Large school events, like concerts and other shows, will have to be arranged in a different way. As time goes on, we will all become better at minimising risk.

I know that the staff and I can rely on the full support of you all as we work together to re-open the school and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation so far.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Burke.