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Dear Parents,

As I'm sure you are aware, schools have been advised to lift Covid restrictions. While the continued use of good infection prevention and control measures such as hand washing, respiratory hygiene and ventilation is still advised the main areas for us to focus on now include:

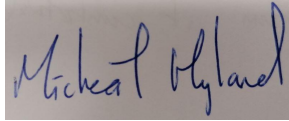
- Stay at home and isolate for 7 days if you test positive.
- Stay at home if you have any Covid symptoms. This requirement remains and is the most effective way of avoiding the spread of Covid.
- Mask wearing is no longer a requirement for children or school staff. It will now be an individual choice.
- It is still advised to wear a mask while travelling in a taxi or bus to and from school. However this is not mandatory.
- Staggered drop off and collection will no longer be in place. School will now start for all pupils at 9:10am. School will end for infants at 1:50pm and all other classes at 2:50pm.
- All Infants will now be collected from the black gates in front of the school.
- 5th & 6th Classes and their younger siblings will continue to be collected from where they are at present.
- All other classes will be collected from the front of the school.
- Physical distancing in classrooms will no longer be implemented and classes will return to a more normal pre-Covid experience.

You can read the full Dept. of Education advice that was sent to schools at the link below:
https://www.geashillns.ie/wp/wp-content/uploads/Information-Note-SD-0003_2022-23-Feb-2022-FINAL.pdf

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing micheal.hyland@geashillns.ie.

Once again, thanks to you and your children for your support and cooperation over the past two years. Hopefully things will continue to improve and the days of sending home Covid newsletters will soon be a thing of the past.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Micheál Hyland".

Mícheál Hyland
Principal