

A Message from the Department of Education 25 August 2020

We have updated gov.ie/backtoschool with new materials for parents and for students. These are designed to be age-appropriate and have been developed in consultation with children and young people and parents. I am grateful to everyone who has participated in giving us this feedback and support and I hope you find them useful.

Important information from the Department and the HSE with regard to returning to school.

- Video for parents with key information on supporting children to return to school available [here](#) and [here](#)
- Fliers for parents – these are attached in this email but are also available for download [here](#). The HSE has prepared material on recognising symptoms, which complements the material from the Department on returning to school. This is available [here](#)
- Age-appropriate videos for children and young people at different stages. Videos for primary (both junior and senior level) and post-primary students are available [here](#)
- Resources in a wide range of languages. Many schools will enjoy a huge diversity among their student and parent community. To support these parents, we have translated guidance for parents at gov.ie/backtoschool.

The Covid-19 World Service project has also consulted with the Department and has used our key messages to produce a range of videos in a variety of languages which your school community may find helpful – please see more at <https://nascireland.org/covid-19-world-service>