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Dear Parents,

During term 3 of last year, the Board of Management (BOM), introduced the requirement that all pupils should bring in their own small wash bag with face cloth / hand towel and hand sanitiser for a trial period. At our recent meeting, the BOM decided to introduce this now on a permanent basis. These will be used for toilet breaks and also before break time too e.g. applying hand sanitiser before food. The rationale for introducing this protocol is that it is good for the environment and forms part of the Green Schools' Initiatives. It also encourages the pupils to become more aware and responsible for their own personal hygiene. These measures will assist us in our endeavours to stop the spread of unwanted infections and reduce the numbers falling ill in our school community. It will also reduce our increased expenditure on toilet rolls, as many pupils have been drying their hands with toilet roll paper since the beginning of term.

We would encourage you to remind your child of the importance of maintaining proper hand washing and hand hygiene etiquette.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation on this issue.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Kiltale NS Board of Management.