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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

### Welcome Back

It has been brilliant to welcome our P1 – P3 pupils back into school this week, particularly as the children were as delighted to be back in school as we were to have them. It may be that by Thursday evening Stormont will have amended their plans, but the current arrangements are that P1 – P3 will have next week in school and then return to remote learning from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until Easter.



### P4 – P7 Pupils and Parents



This has been a 'long haul' for everyone, especially our pupils and parents continuing to work at home. We really thank you all for the work you have all made in these strange times. The teachers really appreciate the effort so many have been putting in to their activities and we are indebted to parents and grandparents for your patience and support working on Seesaw – the end is hopefully just around the corner. Please do your best to persevere and keep going with the next two weeks' Seesaw activities. It is also created additional work for our teachers, as they have had to adjust their work and I thank them too for the additional hours they have spent in preparation. I remain optimistic that we will all be able to return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April if not before.

### SUPERVISED LEARNING

Please email [imckane521@c2kni.net](mailto:imckane521@c2kni.net) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to book children in, who have no alternative child care, for 'Supervised Learning' for week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. P4 – P7 pupils will continue to work in the new mobiles next week.

**Please note school is closed physically and remotely for St Patrick's Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**



### Arrival and Collection Reminder

Parents are asked to maintain social distance at all times outside school. Collect your children promptly and please do not gather to chat on the road outside school in accordance with public health guidance.

### P7 Transfer Applications

The Post Primary Transfer Hub for applications to post primary schools **closes at 4:00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** Please do not leave this to the last minute, this is too important for your application to be late. Parents are welcome to contact myself or Mr Morrow for help before the end of this week.

### PATHS Parents Zoom Session



We are now in year 2 of our PATHS Programme in school. It has been really well received by our pupils and we look forward, Covid permitting, to extend PATHS work next term. Gail, our coach, has made herself available for a zoom meeting for parents to tell you about Paths tomorrow, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 12:00. Please email me for the zoom link detail if you can attend.

### COVID REMINDER

**Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell, particularly if they have any covid symptoms:**

- High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – Stay at home, isolate and book a test. <https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>
- Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.

- Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.

Where a child has been in school it is essential that parents inform the principal by email immediately if he / she becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or is being tested, even if the result ends up being negative.

While there has been a buzz of excitement this week as our younger children return to more normal school, some children may find this more challenging than others. Please do not hesitate to get in touch in confidence by calling or emailing should you need further support. Parentline is also offering help, details have been posted on the school website at: <https://www.windsorhillps.co.uk/useful-links/>

Yours faithfully,  
I. McKane  
Principal