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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

#### **P1 – P3 PUPILS RETURNING TO LESSONS IN SCHOOL**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our P1 – P3 pupils back to their classrooms for two weeks from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. While we appreciate how hard so many of our parents have worked at home since Christmas to keep the children learning, getting at least some of our pupils back into the classroom is welcome progress towards full reopening, hopefully very soon. Please contact me if your child is unable to return for whatever reason to keep our attendance records accurate. 'Remote learning' will continue for P4 – P7 pupils until Easter with supervision, for those eligible available in school.

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

Please find attached the school dinner menu for the next two weeks. Free School Meals payments for all P1 – P3 pupils will stop temporarily while dinners are available in school. All children in school, are welcome to have dinner. Please note however that P4 – P7 pupils, even those entitled to free school meals, have to pay for their dinner as 'Free Meal Payments' for P4 – P7 pupils will continue. A packed lunch can be brought to school as usual.

#### **SUPERVISED LEARNING**

Those who have no alternative are asked to email [imckane521@c2kni.net](mailto:imckane521@c2kni.net) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March to book children in for 'Supervised Learning' for the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. From next week P4 – P7 pupils who are attending school will be working in the **mobile classroom** in the back playground and should enter school through the main door and access the mobile via the playground doors. (Not through the staff car park).

#### **ENTERING AND LEAVING THE BUILDING**

The school doors will open on Monday morning from 8:45am – 9:15am for our 'trickle start'. Parents are asked to help prevent a build-up of children in and around the door by keeping your children in the car until 8:45am or a few minutes after this as needed.

We will continue with staggered finishing times as follows – Please note the slight change in times while the older pupils are not in school:

P1	1:45pm	P2	1:55pm
P3HH	2:00pm	P3 LC	2:05pm

*Please maintain social distance when collecting your children and do so promptly, leaving the gate free for the children who follow. Your continued help, by not gathering to chat around the school gate, in the morning and afternoon is essential to minimise infection risk and helps to keep everyone safe.*

Where older siblings are in school for 'Supervised Learning' they can leave with their younger pupils if needed. (Let the supervising staff know of arrangements each morning.)

#### **PATHS PARENTS ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION**

PATHS (PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE THINKING STRATEGIES) is our PM&DU programme which was introduced last year. Our new tutor Gail has arranged a Zoom Information session for parents on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 12:00noon. Further details are attached.

#### **P7 POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS**

The Post Primary application portal closes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 4:00pm – please contact school if you need help with this important process.

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Potato Character Competition - Links will be posted on Seesaw and the Class Pages of the school website for everyone to see the creations. Thank you all for your participation.

#### **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. The Public Health Agency(PHA) work effectively with school but it is useful to know in advance so that we can identify close contacts before the PHA begins their work in the event of a positive test result.

Parents are welcome to get in touch by calling or emailing should you need further support or information.

Yours faithfully,

I. McKane

Principal