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4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Further to guidance issued from the Education Minister pupils in P1 to P3/R1 to R3 will return to full-time face-to-face teaching from 8<sup>th</sup> March until 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Minister has also clarified that this does not include any children in other primary school years who may be in composite classes with these pupils.

Children in P4 to P7/R4 to R7 will continue with online learning through Google Classroom and remote learning will resume for pupils in P1 to P3/R1 to R3 the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March until the planned start of the Easter holidays.

The school will continue to be open for children of key workers and those children classed as vulnerable for supervised learning. It is important that all pupils attending school for this purpose are pre-registered and this process will continue on a weekly basis. Registration for attendance during the week commencing **8<sup>th</sup> March** should be completed and returned by **12 noon Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.

School times will be as follows:

**Arrival:**

8.50 am – 9.10 am

**Finish Times:**

P1 – P3/R1 – R3: 2.00pm (Entrance and exit via front playground)

P4 – P7/R4 – R7: 3.00pm (**Please note:** Pupils attending school for supervised learning in these year bands should continue to enter and exit school as they have been during this lockdown period.)

School uniform should be worn by all pupils. A healthy breaktime snack should be brought as usual. School meals will be provided for pupils attending school in P1 – P3/R1 – R3 for the two week period. Direct payments in lieu of free school meals will be made in respect of pupils in year groups that are not required to attend school and continue to learn remotely from home. A packed lunch will therefore be required by pupils attending in P4 – P7/R4 – R7.

For this **two week period only** parents of pupils in **P1 - P3/R1 – R3** who wish their child to receive a hot meal should send payment into school in an envelope clearly marked with the **child's name, class, the amount and the days they are attending**. We hope to run with our new cashless payment system after the Easter break.

We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils in P1 – P3/R1 – R3 back to school on Monday and we also want to acknowledge the efforts of all our pupils and their families throughout this lockdown period. Going forward, and again, in order to minimise the risk to our whole school community, we advise that you do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is showing symptoms or is in the process of being tested for Covid-19. We also ask for your co-operation in observing social distancing measures when dropping children off and collecting them from school.

Should we be notified of any changes to current guidance by the Minister and the Executive we will update you accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

C. McCooe