



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOL

As you will be aware from recent media and social media spotlight, The Northern Ireland Executive has announced that schools will begin to reopen on a phased approach beginning on Monday 8th March 2021.

This letter outlines all the information you need to know, for all children in all year groups, in relation to this phased reopening. I would ask that all parents / carers read this information carefully.

CHILDREN IN NURSERY, PRIMARY 1, PRIMARY 2 AND PRIMARY 3

- Children in Nursery, Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 will restart school on a full time basis from Monday 8th March through until Friday 19th March. **Please be advised that staggered start and finish times will still be in place.** The same times as the Autumn Term.
- Children in Nursery, Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 will then go back to 1 weeks' remote learning from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th March. A home learning pack will be sent home with the children on Friday 19th March for them to complete during the 1 week of remote learning.
- Unfortunately, due to government instruction, we are unable to provide Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club for the foreseeable future.
- A reminder that a 1 way system is in place for parents / carers entering and exiting the school grounds via Coronation Road during drop off and collection times.
- All parents / carers must wear a face covering when entering the school grounds, unless there is a medical exemption.
- School meals and school snack will also recommence for children in P1 – P3 from Monday 8th March. A new dinner menu will be placed on the school website and sent out via the app. A reminder that both dinner money and snack money must be paid on a Monday. Money must be sent into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. As in the Autumn Term, no change can be given. If an overpayment is made it will be assumed that the remaining amount is a donation for school fund.
- On Monday 8th March, children in P1 – P3 will be sent home with a 10 day pack of work. **Do not do anything with this pack – please keep it safe at home.** This pack of work will be for children to use should their class bubble need to close due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your child's class.



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- For children in P1 – before the current lockdown, parents in P1 had been sent out consent forms from the school nurse in relation to the P1 Health Appraisals. Some parents have returned this consent form already, however, if you have not yet returned it, please return it by Wednesday 10th March. The school nurse will be in school on the week beginning Monday 16th March to complete these appraisals.
- A reminder that the school car park is **not available** for parents / carers during pick up and drop off. All children must enter on foot from the appropriate pedestrian entrances and exits.

CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 4, PRIMARY 5, PRIMARY 6 AND PRIMARY 7

- Children in Primary 4 – Primary 7 will remain at home and will access remote learning and will not return to school before the Easter Holidays. **An additional 3 week pack of work for these children can be collected from the school canteen on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March between 9am – 2pm.**
- Support for vulnerable children and key worker children will continue, however, these parents are advised that, due to Nursery – P3 returning, the school car park is **not available** for parents / carers during pick up and drop off. All children must enter on foot from the appropriate pedestrian entrances and exits.
- It is expected that children in P4 – P7 will return to school from Monday 12th April, however, this has not yet been confirmed by The Department of Education.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Due to a range of Covid related issues, we have not been able to have formal parent teacher interviews this year as yet. I know that many parents will have had the opportunity to speak with teachers during this period of lockdown, however, it is important that we have the opportunity to speak with you in relation to your child's progress.

As a result, parent interviews will take place on the week beginning Monday 10th May 2021. School will close for all pupils from 12.30pm each day that week to facilitate telephone interviews with parents (with a staggered finish in place – I will write with more information closer to the time).

School Uniform

I have had a couple of parents contact me via SLIDO to ask about uniform requirements when we return to school. I am aware that some children may have grown out of their current uniform and parents / carers may find it a little more difficult to find replacements as uniform shops will remain closed.



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Our preferred option is that children return to school in full school uniform. If this cannot happen, I would ask that clothes as close to the colour and style of our uniform be worn. If your child is unable to return to school with the correct uniform due to the fact that shops are not open, please send in a note to explain this to the class teacher upon their return.

Thanks,

Mr C. Fulton
Principal