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Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoyed a break from remote learning during half term. It has been wonderful for the staff to see the renewed engagement across the school since we returned to work this week.

We were very disappointed, as I'm sure you were too, to hear last week that we are only allowed to have a partial return to school for some of our children on March 8th. We had hoped that all year groups would be back in school but understand that the Executive have very difficult decisions to make.

DE wrote to schools this week to confirm the arrangements for P1-3 year groups. They will return to school for 'face to face teaching' from Mon March 8th until Fri March 19th. Please remember that we are closed for St Patrick's Day on March 17th.

P1-3 will then return to remote learning from Mon March 22nd until the Easter break. However, DE have confirmed that P1-3 will then return to 'face to face teaching' after Easter on Mon April 12th.

Unfortunately, a date has not been agreed as yet, for a return to 'face to face' teaching for P4-7.

Our P3 pupils will finish at 2pm every day until March 19th. After the Easter break they will stay in school until 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

P4-7 teachers are now working very hard to put together photocopied packs for their classes to cover the rest of this term. These will be ready for collection on Friday March 5th from 9.30am-3pm.

I hope that you all have been able to access the online Collins Big Cat e-Book Library that we have subscribed to recently. This offers a wide range of levelled reading books from P1-7 which children can access at home. Teachers have set up 'book shelves' for their classes and each child has an individual username, which was sent home with the last learning pack. If you have mislaid it, please contact the teacher through Dojo.

In the meantime, please remember to keep yourself and your family safe. Your family's well-being is more important than anything else. If you need to take a short break from home learning, please do so and let the teacher know through ClassDojo.

Finally, please remember to follow the PHA guidelines. We all have to play our part to get back to normality.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

