

05/03/2021

## **Dear Parents**

The P1-3 staff are looking forward to welcoming their classes back to school for 'face to face' teaching from Mon March 8<sup>th</sup> until Fri March 19<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, P4-7 children have to continue with remote learning at this time, as we await guidance from the executive on their return to 'face to face' teaching. However, the supervision of P4-7 children of key workers/vulnerable children will continue throughout the term, although we are closed for St Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

In line with Public Health Agency and Department of Education guidance, we have reviewed our risk assessments and will continue to adhere to the relevant advice and guidance. Please share these arrangements with the person dropping off and collecting your child.

- Only one adult per household should drop off/collect children.
- Adults should wear a mask in the playground, unless exempt.
- To ease congestion in the morning children with surnames beginning with A to L should arrive between 8.45-8.55am. All other children should arrive between 8.55-9.05am.
- Children should be dropped off at the gate and go straight to their classrooms in the morning, to avoid crowds congregating in the playground. If this causes anxiety for some children, we will be flexible.
- Children can wear either their full school uniform or their PE uniform. It is recommended that they have a
  freshly washed uniform every day.
- All children should wash their hands thoroughly just before they leave for school in the morning. They will
  also be offered sanitiser as they enter the school.
- No schoolbags should be brought to school.
- School dinners are available to P1-3 children. (£2.60 per day.) Money must be sent in a sealed envelope.
   No change will be given. Alternatively, a healthy packed lunch can be sent to school in a lunchbox that can be cleaned every day.
- Our usual healthy break policy still applies. Your child may bring still water to school with them.
- Parents must not enter the school building without a prior appointment.
- Parents who wish to speak to their child's teacher must arrange this through ClassDojo or by telephoning the office.
- Please maintain social distance in the playground when waiting to collect your child after school and <u>leave</u>
   the playground as soon as you have collected them. Roses have been stencilled 2m apart in congested
   areas to encourage this.
- P3 pupils will finish at 2pm. After Easter they will stay in school until 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Park with consideration of our neighbours, pedestrians and parking regulations.

I know that some of you may be a little anxious about your children returning to school but please be assured that we will do everything we can to ensure the school is a safe and happy environment for the children and the staff.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S McTaggart

Principal

