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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are well. We are delighted to finally receive some good news on the return to school front. We are so happy that the NI Executive has agreed that P1-3 children will remain in school and P4-7 will return to school on Monday 22 March.

This is very welcome news for us all as we know everyone is becoming very tired of screens and remote learning. It will be great for the children to re-adjust back into school routine and have some time with their friends in school before the Easter break.

Procedures for the return to school will be as before Christmas. Arrival and exit procedures will be as follows:

P1 parents should ensure that their child enters school through the **MAIN SCHOOL** entrance and is collected from the **P1** classroom at 2pm.

P2 and P3 children should enter the door at the **P3 covered area** and be collected from this same area each day at 2pm unless staying for 123 Club when they will be collected at 3pm.

P4 and P7 pupils will leave through the **MAIN** entrance door. **P4 parents should collect their children at 2.55pm promptly** to make way for **P7** children at 3pm.

P5 and P6 Children should enter and leave school through the playground doors beside the staffroom. **P5 parents should collect their children promptly at 2.55pm** to make way for **P6** children leaving at 3pm.

We will continue to try, where possible to maintain our class bubbles and social distancing in order to do our bit to reduce the spread of infection. The Department has asked that all parents are reminded that they should be wearing a face mask on school grounds and adhering to social distancing rules. Parents will only be allowed access to the building with a prior appointment and telephone consultation will be preferable, unless in an emergency.

School Dinners and snacks will be available for all pupils in school from **22 March as per School Menu on the school website**. A new menu for April will be posted on the school website soon. Please be reminded that school meals remain £2.60 a day and snacks are available at a cost £1.20 for week commencing 22 March. **Please be reminded that Friday 26 March is an early closing day (P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12noon) there will be no snack and dinner in school on that day.**

Children should wear normal school uniform and bring a waterproof coat, a pair of trainers for PE lessons, a wipeable lunch bag, a water bottle/flask and one school bag with essential items only. Parents may wish to send in sanitizer and tissues for your child's personal use. Nothing extra i.e. toys, to be brought from home. As always, if your child is unwell do not send them into school. If anyone in your household has COVID 19 symptoms, then everyone in the house should self-isolate as per guidance and you should notify school.

If your child has any medical, family or educational needs that have developed or changed over the period of school closure then it is a parent's responsibility to make these known to the school staff. We will, as always, do our best to support our pupils and families through this transition and over the coming months.

If you have any further concerns, please call the office and speak to a member of staff.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

K. White