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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the beginning of the school year I wish to draw your attention to a number of points. Over the summer break Covid-19 cases have continued to remain high with many patients being hospitalised. As a precaution, we intend to maintain class bubbles for the month of September. To date, clear guidance has not been forthcoming from DE with the only source of information being BBC Northern Ireland. Once the new term has commenced we will monitor the situation and possibly make adjustments as necessary.

REOPENING OF SCHOOL AUGUST 2021 UPDATE

- ❖ **All pupils (P1-7) will begin school on Wednesday 1st September.**
- ❖ **1 metre social distancing will be observed between pupils with class bubbles in place to avoid contact with other staff and pupils.**
- ❖ **Pupils will bring their own equipment in to school on their first day and it will then be kept in a zipped A3 plastic wallet in school.**
- ❖ **Books will not be brought to and from school (except homework books stored for 72 hours).**
- ❖ **All parents must supply the following items on your child's first day in school. **These items MUST be provided as pupils cannot share equipment in school.****

P1 & P2/3

- HB pencils X 4
- Sharpener
- Rubber X 4
- Pack of Twistables
- Pritt stick glue
- Hand sanitizer
- Pack of tissues

P4/5, P5/6 & P7

- HB pencils X 4
- Sharpener
- Rubber X 4
- BIC 4 colour pen
- Pack of Twistables
- 30cm anti-shatter ruler
- Pritt stick glue
- Hand sanitizer
- Pack of tissues

- ❖ **Staggered arrival times for classes (Parents must leave their child at the school gate and not congregate with other parents)**

P7 8.20am (via main door)

P5/6 8.30am (rear fire exit door)

P4/5 8.40am (via main door)

P2/3 8.50am (via door from outdoor play area)

P1 9.00am (via door from outdoor play area directly into the classroom)

- ❖ **Staggered departure times for classes (Parents must collect their child at the school gate and not congregate with other parents)**

P1 1.50pm

P2/3 1.55pm

P4/5 2.00pm

P5/6 2.05pm

P7 2.10pm



- ❖ **Family drop off/pick up times**
 - To help facilitate families with more than one pupil at school parents should drop off all of their children at the time given for the last child to arrive and pick up all of their children at the earliest time given.
- ❖ **Pupils' temperature to be tested before entering the school building (*This will be carried out at the bike shelter just inside the school gate by classroom assistants*)**
 - ✓ Pupils with high temperature will then be sent back to their parent to wait 10 minutes and then will be retested. If temperature is still high following this retest, pupil will be sent home immediately.
 - ✓ Parents to remain in their car until their child's class have been tested and gone into school
 - ✓ Should a child become unwell during the school day they will be isolated and supervised by one member of staff until a parent/guardian collects them at the school door
- ❖ **Pupils wash hands at classroom sink**
 - ✓ On arrival every morning
 - ✓ Hourly thereafter
 - ✓ Before & after eating (break/lunch)
 - ✓ After going to the toilet
- ❖ **School Bus**
 - The school bus will be operating from Wednesday 1st September
 - Pupils travelling via the bus will arrive at school by 8.40am and will leave school on the bus at 2.15pm
- ❖ **School uniform**
For ease of daily washing all pupils must wear the following (Where parents have bought the full school uniform this is also acceptable)
 - ✓ School polo shirt
 - ✓ School sweatshirt
 - ✓ Navy tracksuit bottoms
 - ✓ Trainers (*preferably navy or black*)
- ❖ **No jewellery/watches can be worn**
- ❖ **Pupils with long hair MUST keep it tied back at all times**
- ❖ **Dinners**
 - School dinners cost £2.60 per day.
 - All dinner money must be sent in to school on a Monday.
 - Dinner money must be sent in to school in a clear money bag or wrapped in cling film.
 - School dinners will be available for all pupils from 1st September
 - To facilitate social distancing, school dinners will be served in classrooms.
 - Packed lunches and healthy break can be brought to school in a lunch bag
 - Pupils taking packed lunch will eat their lunch in classrooms.
- ❖ **Homework**
 - One written literacy and one written numeracy homework will be set each week
 - Homework books will be sent home on a Monday and Tuesday to be returned the next day
 - To enable staff to mark these books they will be left for 72 hours prior to marking
 - Google Classroom will be used to set spellings, number facts etc
 - As reading books cannot be sent home, all reading will be heard each day in class
- ❖ **Extra-curricular activities/trips etc**
 - There will be no restart during September
 - After school club will not be in operation
- ❖ **Year groups for 2021-22**
 - P1 Mrs. Whitford
 - P2/3 Miss Haslam
 - P4/5 Mr. Clyde/Mrs. McClelland
 - P5/6 Mrs. Mayes
 - P7 Mr. Hall/Mr. Clyde

Staff will be available in school Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th August 9 am to 4 pm.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Yours sincerely,

M. Hall (Principal)