

Weekly Update - 5.3.21



Dear Parents,

We hope this correspondence finds you all well.

We are looking forward very much to the return to school of some of our pupils this coming week, in P1, 2 and 3 from Monday 8th March 2021. We really do hope we receive some guidance regarding the restart to school for our P4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils in due course.

Information update:

Post-Primary applications

Reminder to all our P7 pupils and parents, the portal for applying to your post primary school is open and we remind you this **closes on 16th March**. Please ensure you have completed your online application.

Some parents have requested correspondence from the school to verify the applications submitted to Grammar school settings. We have been advised that such a requirement at this time is not necessary for the Primary school to provide, as we understand the application online is a tick box system. In due course should the school of your choice require any verification, we understand they will be in contact with us, when we will happily oblige all requests.

School Re-start P1, 2 and 3

All Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils are returning this coming **Monday 8th March**.



School Transport – Please be advised school transport is running as normal for all pupils who normally avail of this. **School bus will collect pupils from school at 2.00p.m for the following two weeks. Any changes we will keep you updated.**



School Dinners – School dinners will resume as normal for all pupils P1-3. Please see our school app/website for the new menu.

Keyworker pupils in attendance at this time, can also avail of school dinners. However, if you are normally in receipt of Free school Meals, you must pay for dinners at this time, as we have been advised all payment for free school meals will be made directly to parents in P4-7 from 8.3.21.

As we proceed with the Restart for our pupils in Early Years and some of Key stage 1 can we remind you of the following:

- For the return to school all pupils will wear uniform/tracksuit on alternate days.
- No school bag requirement will remain in place.
- Drop off will commence between **8.45-8.55 for P1/2 and 8.55-9.05 P2/3.**
- Collection will be from **1.45-1.50 p.m. for P1/2 and 1.50-2.00pm** for P2/3, from the school playground.
- **All parents/visitors are to wear masks when coming onto our school premises**
- After school care provision from 2.00-3.00p.m. will not be provided, as directed by DENI at this time.

Supervised Learners

Can we please request that you apply for this facility **no later than noon each Thursday**, ahead of each new week. I am sure you will appreciate as we now have to balance the restart for half of our school population alongside keyworker pupils. We now require earlier notice to be given to us from yourself to plan and prepare for the following week. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Collection of Home Learning Packs P4-7

Collection of all Home Learning Packs for pupils in P4-P7 is scheduled for **Friday 12.3.21**
Times for collection are as follows:

P4/5- Mrs Sloan	9.15-9.45
P6 – Mrs Shortt	9.45-10.15
P7 – Mrs Doran	10.15-10.45



17.3.21 will remain a school holiday as per our calendar. No school for pupils on this day.

As we proceed through our Lenten journey we continue to focus on renewal and kindness.

This week's food for thought:



Yours in partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.