



SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents of Primary 1/2/3 pupils,

I hope and trust you all continue to keep safe and well.

I am pleased to finally be in a position to confirm our planned arrangements for the safe return of our Nursery and Primary 1/2/3 pupils to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

School will begin at 9.00am each morning with the doors opening at 8.45am. Once your child comes into school they will again walk straight into the school building and proceed to their classroom. The classroom layout has not changed. Primary 1 will again enter through the back door at the back car park entrance and Primary 2 also using the entrance at the P2/3 designated playground. **Primary 3 pupils will now enter the school in the morning time through the main school entrance on the Windmill Hill side.** The school doors will be closed at 9.00am and any pupil coming to school after this time must enter through the main school entrance on the Windmill Hill side. We will be monitoring lateness and contacting parents for persistent late attendance.

In the morning drop off we encourage you to leave your child at the school gate and remind you that parents cannot gather at entrance gates or car parks. Parents should not enter the school building, unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely, observing social distancing.

At the end of the school day, Primary 1 pupils will be dismissed at 1.45pm using the same back door entrance, Primary 2 at 2.00pm using the same back entrance and Primary 3 will also be dismissed using the main back door entrance at 2.00pm, as was previously the case. As previous, parents can enter into the yard area but we again remind you to be observant to social distancing requirements and we encourage you all to wear a face mask.

Pupils should not bring items from home into school. School bags will not be required and a lunch box/bag which is named and which can be cleaned every day, a water bottle clearly named which can be cleaned every day and a coat are permitted.

School dinners will be available and cost £2.60 each day. A menu for next week will be issued in the weekly school newsletter on the school website on Sunday night. All dinners must be paid for on a Monday morning and payment must be placed in an

envelope with your child's name clearly stated and the days in which you intend your child to attend dinners.

For those having a packed lunch, please send your child to school with their own packed lunch in a clearly labelled lunch box, which must be taken home each day and washed thoroughly. It is preferable to use a plastic lunch box. All contents of the lunch box will be placed back in the box and returned home for cleaning.

Children may bring a water bottle. This should be clearly labelled. There will be no opportunities to refill their water bottle during the school day.

There will be no scheduled homework for children during this first week of a return to school as we focus on re-integrating your child back to schooling routine and re-establishing relationships with each other.

We are asking you to supply a fully resourced pencil case on the first day (suggested requirements are listed below) and this must remain in school at all times.

Medication e.g. inhalers should be brought into school on the first day back. These should be kept in school from that point, in a sealed bag.

We will constantly keep these arrangements under review and will notify you of any changes as they occur.

Your child's safety, health and well-being is our primary concern and all arrangements we have put in place will assist in this. If you have any questions or queries or want further clarification on any of this, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via email at pgilchrist570@c2kni.net

We very much look forward to welcoming your child back to school next week.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilchrist
Principal

Suggested Stationery List
Writing Pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Pencil Rubber
Pritt Stick
Colouring Pencils (<i>Preferably Twistables</i>)
Scissors
A bottle of Hand Soap and a box of tissues.
Ruler (P3)