



SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents,

I hope and trust you all continue to keep safe and well and that your child is looking forward to returning to school. Once again, throughout the summer period we have been reviewing our internal processes and planning for the return of all of our pupils on Tuesday 31st August 2021.

Pupils will be welcomed back for a full day school day on Tuesday 31st **but there will be no school dinners available on this day. All pupils must bring in a packed lunch on Tuesday.** Dinners will be served from Wednesday 1st September 2021. A menu will be included in the parent newsletter, which will again be published on the school website each week.

With this letter you will find attached an updated Return to School Guide which outlines all the procedures for your child's return to school. This return will be similar to how we finished school in June 2021 with classes still remaining in their class "bubbles" and pupils entering the school building upon their arrival to school each morning.

A recommended stationery list is attached at the end of this guide and we request that pupils bring in a stocked pencil case that will remain in school. We are also requesting a donation of a bottle of hand sanitiser and hand soap along with a box of tissues for use by the whole class.

School bags are permitted and those pupils having a lunch will need a lunch box/bag which is named and which can be cleaned every day and a water bottle clearly named which can be cleaned every day. We also remind you all that pupils should not bring any other items from home into school.

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. It is our policy **not** to distribute medicines unless the child's parent completes a Medication Consent Form. These can be obtained from the school office.

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

I hope you enjoy the rest of this summer break and we very much look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilchrist
Principal