



SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents of Primary 4/5/6/7

I am pleased to finally be in a position to confirm our planned arrangements for the safe return of our Primary 4/5/6/7 pupils to school on Monday 22nd March 2021. Our school will now remain open until our scheduled Easter Holidays which will begin on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

School will begin at 9.00am each morning with the doors opening at 8.45am. Once your child comes to school they will again walk straight into the school building and proceed to their classroom. The classroom layout has not changed. Primary 4 and 6 pupils will again enter through the main school entrance on the Windmill Hill side, Primary 5 via the 'old end' entrance on the Windmill Hill side and Primary 7 via the 'old end' entrance facing the chapel car park. The school doors will be closed at 9.00am sharp 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 we also encourage you to use all available car parking spaces. We remind you that parents cannot gather at entrance gates or car parks and that 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 4 pupils will be dismissed from the main back entrance facing the chapel car park, Primary 5 at the 'old end' entrance facing Windmill Hill, Primary 6 through the main school entrance on the Windmill Hill side and Primary 7 through the 'old end' entrance facing the chapel car park. **Please ensure that your child is aware of the pick-up arrangements before they arrive in school.**

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.

A full uniform is required and your child can come to school twice weekly in their PE uniform on scheduled PE days. Each classes PE day is confirmed on the calendar section of the school website <https://www.stmaryspsportaferry.com>

School dinners will be available and cost £2.60 each day. A menu for each 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.

There will be no scheduled written homework for children until after the Easter Holidays 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

A full copy of our Return to School guide is available on the school website.

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
Scissors
Ruler (P3)