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Dear Parent

Half term is over, the days are getting brighter and there is light at the end of the tunnel, which is just great! I hope you all have had a good week off away from the screen and are refreshed and ready to work together again up until Easter.

You will, I'm sure, be aware of the NI Executive's plans for a phased school restart, for the next half-term. We are so delighted to be in a position to welcome P1-3 pupils back into school and hope that P4-7 will follow suit after Easter. In taking these arrangements forward we are now thinking about four main aspects:

- Return of P1-3 on 8 March; (for two weeks).
- Online learning for P1-3, week commencing 22 March;
- Online learning continuing for P4-7 and
- Supervision of Key Worker children.

Return of P1-3 pupils week commencing 8 March 2021:

- W/c 8 March P1-3 taught in school;
- W/c 15 March P1-3 taught in school;
- Wednesday 17 March- Public Holiday. School Closed;
- w/c 22 March online learning.

The arrangements for the return of P1-3 pupils will be in the same as was in operation last term. Again, for everyone's safety, we will need to continue with staggered start and stop times as follows:

Class	Starting Time	Finishing Time
P1	8:50am	1:50pm
P2	8:45am	1:45pm
P3	8:55am	2:00pm

I would again wish to remind parents of social distancing, to avoid gathering around the front door and to wear a mask on the school premises. Children are encouraged to bring their school bags as before and school meals again will be served directly to the classroom for those pupils wishing to avail of them. School meals can be ordered, through school money for two weeks (**weeks commencing 8 and 15 March**). P1-3 pupils are required to wear uniform.

The school bus should also be operational for the "normal customers."

Online learning P1-3, week commencing 1 March and 22 March 2021:

Please note that P1-3 will revert to online learning for week commencing **22 March**. Those pupils who previously have been involved in the Key Worker supervision scheme, again may be included. I will write out again to ascertain requirements for that period of **time**.

However, P1-3 will still operate one week of remote learning before school commences. Packs therefore will need to be collected on **Friday 26 February** to cover the week commencing **1 March 2021**.

Collection of packs on Friday 26 February from 1:00pm onwards from the cloakrooms.

P1-3 then teachers will send learning packs home on **Friday 19 March** for the remaining week in the run up to Easter.

Remote Learning P4-7:

Remote learning will continue for all P4-7 pupils for the rest of this term. Collection of packs from the cloakrooms will be as follows:

- Friday 26 February from 1:00pm onwards (packs will cover w/c 1 and 8 March)
- Friday 12 March from 1:00pm onwards (packs will cover w/c 15 and 22 March)

Tracking Online Learning:

We are required to continue to record and track online learning through the submissions of work. We appreciate that it is not always practical to do this on a daily basis but if you could try to have work uploaded by the weekend that would be most helpful for teachers marking the registers on Monday, for the previous week. As a minimum, the expectation is the completion of Literacy and Numeracy tasks as well as reading, spelling, tables and high frequency words.

Children of Key Workers/Statemented Pupils:

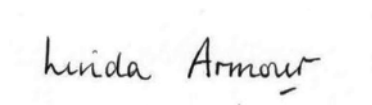
I would ask those parents who have requested Key Worker provision to contact the school, using the info account, info@loanends.crumlin.ni.sch.uk to confirm their requirements for the next two weeks: **w/c 1 and 8 March by Friday 26 February at 6:00pm.** This will greatly help with the creation of a supervision rota. (Supervision for w/c 8 March applies to P4-7 only, as all P1-3 will be taught in school).

Just a reminder that your son or daughter will require:

- Break, drinks and a packed lunch
- Hand sanitiser, wipes and tissues
- **All the tools and resources needed for them to complete their online learning.** (This is essential as supervising staff do not have access to individual Seesaw accounts and in most cases are unable to print off or see the tasks set). School iPads will be available for those pupils who need access to videos/presentations. However, please ensure that your child has their login details and comes with the correct accompanying worksheets from their pack. Please do not send in personal devices as we cannot give out the school wifi code for safeguarding reasons.
- They may also bring a game, toy or book to break up the day.
- It will not be necessary to wear school uniform.

St. Patrick's Day:

School will be closed on Wednesday 17 March. There will be no supervised or classes.



Mrs L Armour

Principal

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