



### Loanends Primary School

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Dear Parent

We were just delighted to welcome back our P1-3 pupils yesterday morning. They have grown in the three months since we last saw them!

Unfortunately, we are not yet at the stage of having a "Full house" so I would just like to remind you of the arrangements for the remainder of the school term.

#### **Return of P1-3 pupils week commencing 8 and 15 March 2021:**

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. Please read the letter issued from the Education Minister, that was posted on Seesaw on Friday.

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 will be operational for the "normal customers."

#### **Online learning P1-3, week commencing 22 March 2021:**

P1-3 teachers will send learning packs home on **Friday 19 March** for the remaining week in the run up to Easter. If this changes, we will let you know.

#### **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 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](mailto:info@loanends.crumlin.ni.sch.uk) to confirm their requirements for the next two weeks: **w/c 15 and 22 March by Friday 12 March at 6:00pm.**

Please do your very best to meet this deadline as plans for supervision and cleaning need to be put in place in advance. Staff have been allocated to particular tasks and therefore it can be difficult to accommodate ad hoc requests.

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.
- **Other electronic devices, including Nintendo Switch, should be kept at home.** These are causing some problems and are distracting pupils from their work. They may however, 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 for everyone. There will be no supervision or classes.

### **Milk Refund**

Refunds for milk paid for before lockdown will be refunded as a separate transaction within the next few weeks. We will inform you when it is possible to order new milk for the summer term.

### **Easter Holidays:**

Just a reminder that school will be closed from Monday 29 for the Easter Holidays. School (we think and hope!) will reopen on Monday 13 April. I will advise you of reopening arrangements once we get clarity from the Department of Education.

I trust that we are nearly there with getting pupils back to school. Keep the faith, but in the meantime, I would encourage all P4-7 pupils and parents to keep going with remote learning. Teachers are finding it tough going too. I don't think anyone will complain about school days again!!

*Linda Armour*

Mrs L Armour

Principal

CC Mr R McCourt  
Chairman of the Board of Governors