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Dear Parent

It's all change again! As you probably are now aware, P4-7 will now be back in school for a week before Easter, Monday 22 to Friday 26 March. I am sure that is good news for most people! It will be lovely to have a "full house" and welcome everyone back, get pupils eased in, and a chance to reconnect with friends before going off for Easter. **Please note that even though Friday 26 is the last day of term, this will be a normal school day** (with the normal staggered times as listed below).

Return of all pupils Monday 22 March 2021:

We will need to continue with staggered start and stop times as noted below. These times may be revised after Easter based on any DE Guidance.

Class	Starting Time	Finishing Time	Class	Starting Time	Finishing Time
P1	8:50am	1:50pm	P5	9:00am	2:15pm
P2	8:45am	1:45pm	P6	8:55am	2:30pm
P3	8:55am	2:00pm	P7	8:45am	2:00pm
P4	9:00am	2:15pm			

With the excitement (or relief!) of returning to school, 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 recently posted on Seesaw.

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 next week. The menu for next week is available on the school website. A new one, for after Easter, will be available on the website shortly. We will re-establish the Covid Protocols that served us well in Term 1. Just a reminder though that ALL pupils are required to wear masks on the school bus.

Milk Orders

Milk orders for next term can also be placed through School Money. The total amount for Term 3 is £10.92 (12 April to 29 June).

Easter Holidays

Just a reminder that school will be closed from Monday 29 for the Easter Holidays. School will reopen on Monday 12 April. If there are any changes to the opening/closing times noted above, I will advise you of the new arrangements.

Thank you from the Governors! Well done!

At their most recent meeting on Monday 15 March, Governors commented on the quality of remote learning both in terms of teacher input and pupil and parents' responses to the tasks set. This has been truly excellent, with 95% of pupils engaging meaningfully and daily on Seesaw. Staff, parents and pupils are to be congratulated. It has been a tough "slog" but let's hope that Term 3 brings a complete return to face to face teaching and allows us to gradually establish the usual routines of school life.

Mrs L Armour

Principal

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Mr R McCourt

Chairman of the Board of Governors

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