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11th August 2020

Dear Parent

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to your child's return to school. We will certainly be very glad to see the children back after so long away. As you are aware Mr Buckley has retired after nineteen years as our Principal. We wish him a long and happy retirement – it is well deserved.

Due to the directive issued by the Education Minister on Thursday 6th August we have moved to a whole school / class bubble return to school. This will entail each class staying together for the whole school day, whilst not mixing with other class bubbles. It will therefore be necessary to stagger our start and end times to the school day with designated entry and exit points.

These have been organised on a class basis with five/ten minutes separation to allow for families in different bubbles. The arrangements are shown in the table below. P1 will revert to the usual phased entry for the first week, with all P1 children attending from 9am - 12.20pm from Monday 7th September. They will remain in school until 1.50pm from Monday 28th September. P1 emails regarding the phased return will be sent to parents on Friday 14th August.

Dates for return:

Monday 24 th August	9.00am – 3.00pm	P7 only
Tuesday 1 st September	various	P1 – P7

Entrance / Exit Points

External class door	P1, P2, P5, P6, P7NB, P7MA
Main School Entrance	P3, P3/4, P4

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
P2AC	8.50am	1.50pm	8.50am	1.50pm	8.50am	1.50pm	8.50am	1.50pm	8.50am	1.45pm
P3JL	9.00am	3.00pm	9.00am	3.00pm	9.00am	1.50pm	9.00am	1.50pm	9.00am	1.50pm
P3/4RT	8.55am	2.50pm	8.55am	2.50pm	8.55am	1.45pm P3 2.50pm P4	8.55am	1.45pm P3 2.50pm P4	8.55am	1.55pm
P4KMCA	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.00pm
P5TM	9.00am	2.50pm	9.00am	2.50pm	9.00am	2.50pm	9.00am	2.50pm	9.00am	2.00pm
P6EH	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	2.55pm	8.50am	1.55pm
P7NB	8.50am	3.05pm	8.50am	3.05pm	8.50am	3.05pm	8.50am	3.05pm	8.50am	1.45pm
P7MA	8.55am	3.10pm	8.55am	3.10pm	8.55am	3.10pm	8.55am	3.10pm	8.55am	1.50pm

The following protocols have been put in place to ensure the safety of our whole school community –

- There will be no early morning supervision. Children should line up at their entrance point promptly at the allocated time.
- Parents should not enter the playground with their child.
- We ask that you leave the school grounds immediately and please do not congregate before or after drop-off.
- Please maintain social distancing rules at all times.
- Staff will collect their class each morning and accompany them on exiting the playground.
- Any child arriving late should proceed to their designated entrance point and wait to be collected.
- There will be no canteen facilities for break – children should bring a suitable snack. **Please remember we are a nut free school!**
- Please ensure your child has their own adequate water supply. Our water fountains will not be available.
- School meals will be available from Tuesday 1st September (P7 need to bring a packed lunch for the week beginning 24th August). Please note, there will be no choice of main meal. We will send you the menu as soon as possible.
- The children will have lunch in their own classroom in order to maintain the bubble.
- Where possible, please order and pay for school dinners on the Monday of each week. All money must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child's name and days required (£2.60 per day).

As outlined in my previous letter each child should have their own pencils etc. The list is added below

- Two HB writing pencils (Years 3-7)
- A packet of colouring pencils
- Felt tips (optional)
- 1 eraser
- 1 sharpener (preferably with a 'collection pot')
- 1 glue stick
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

I appreciate there is a great deal of information contained in this letter but if you require any additional assistance please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

Denise Doherty

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