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Dear Parents / Guardians

I want to again thank you for the support and guidance you have provided for your children since the start of term. It has been a very challenging time for all of us and I am extremely proud of how well our school community has pulled together to meet the challenges. It has been simply wonderful to have all the P1 to P3 children back in school for the past week and a bit and it has been such a pleasure to get to know all the happy faces.

I am sure you are aware of the announcement made this morning (16 March) regarding a phased return of P4 to P7 pupils to school. Again at the time of writing, we have received no official guidance from the Department of Education. Therefore, we are again in the unfortunate position of waiting for these plans to be confirmed by the Minister. We, as always, share in your frustrations and ask that you continue to have patience as we make plans for the safe return of our children to school.

Here is what has been communicated:

P1 to P3 Pupils
It is confirmed that P1-3 pupils will be remaining in school for face to face lessons up until the end of term, Friday 26 March (excluding St Patrick's Day 17 March). Please remember it is a 12 noon finish on Friday 26 March.

P4 to P7 Pupils
Regarding P4-7 pupils the unconfirmed announcement suggested that they should be welcomed back into school from NEXT Monday 22 March. As such, this is the scenario we are currently planning for.

Plans for full reopening, including new collection and drop off times, have been drawn up in school today and will be communicated to parents/guardians as soon as we are given the official word from the Department of Education.

I am really looking forward to welcoming all the children back into school as soon as possible.

Kindest regards

Ian Somerville
Pincipal