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Monday, 22nd February, 2021.

Dear Parent,

- You may be aware of an announcement from the Minister for Education on Thursday regarding the return of some pupils to school on **8th March**. Further information will be provided when the school has received official guidance from the **Department Of Education**.
- Pupils who are attending school at the moment due to a parent being a Key Worker will not have access to the Internet in school on **Thursday, 25th February** as our computers are being replaced. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Teachers will provide paper copies of Thursday's work for pupils to complete in school.
- You may have noticed that work is being carried out on our grass pitch. I am delighted to inform you that we recently secured funding from **SportNI** of approximately £36 000 to have the pitch drained so that it can be used by the children all year round. Thank you to local contractors, Hackett Bros., for undertaking the work for us. Thank you, also, to Barry McGarvey for sourcing quotations and liaising with Hackett Bros on behalf of the school, as part of the application process. We are looking forward to making the most of the space, when it is finished. Please be extra vigilant when approaching the school as there is an increased volume of traffic due to the work being carried out.
- A **Scamwise NI Booklet** and a **CyberAware Brochure** issued by the **PSNI** are available on our school website for your information.
- A **Mindfulness Overview** for this week and for the month of March are also available on our school website.
- Information regarding **PE** will be issued shortly.
- A copy of our proposed **School Closures** for **2021 – 2022** has been posted on

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our school website within Parents, Info and on the Home page for ease of access.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**

The application process for P7 children transferring to post primary school in September 2021 has moved online. You can apply online via the EA website between 12.00 noon on Monday 1 March 2021 and 4 pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021.

Visit www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions to view the admissions criteria for all Post-primary schools on the EA website as well as a video and general guidance on the transfer procedure. Further information will be made available in the coming weeks.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)