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Thursday, 6th August, 2020.

Dear Parent,

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer break and that all your family members continue to keep safe and well.

Please see below updated information regarding our **Provisional Restart Plan**:

We are hoping to reopen our school on **Monday, 24th August** as a special **Induction Week** to ease pupils back before returning on a full-time basis. This will provide an opportunity for staff and pupils to reconnect and for pupils and parents to become familiar with new procedures and routines, put in place to make sure that our school is as safe as possible for everyone.

As stated previously, our reopening arrangements are based on current ministerial guidelines. I have received information this evening that further guidance will be made available to schools by 12pm on Thursday, 13th August.

Please read the following information carefully.

Class	Dates	Times	Entrance And Exit
Year 1	Staggered intake from Tuesday, 1st September.		Detailed information to be provided by Mrs. Taggart at her Induction Information Session for Parents on 17th August @ 2pm.
Year 2	Tuesday, 25th August for one day only . Full - time from Tuesday, 1st September.	9.00am 2.00pm	Pupils are to go straight to the mobile classroom, not the main school. Pupils will exit from the mobile classroom and will be collected at the gate.

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Year 3/4	Wednesday, 26th August for one day only. Full - time from Tuesday, 1st September.	9.00am – 9.10am 3.00pm	Pupils are to go to their classroom through the main school entrance. Pupils will exit from the back door of the main school building and will be collected from the gate.
Year 5/6	Thursday, 27th August for one day only. Full - time from Tuesday, 1st September.	9.00am – 9.10am 3.05pm	Pupils are to go to their classroom through the main school entrance. Pupils will exit from the back door of the main school building and will be collected from the gate.
Year 7	Full - time from Monday, 24th August.	8.45am – 8.55am 3.10pm	Pupils are to go to their classroom through the main school entrance. Pupils will exit from the back door of the main school building and will be collected from the gate.

Please note that all Year Seven pupils are to return on a full-time basis from **Monday, 24th August, 2020.** Year Seven pupils are being prioritised by the Department Of Education as they will be transitioning to Post-Primary next year.

Please pay particular attention to our staggered start and finish times. These are in place to ensure appropriate social distancing. Pupils (from Years 2 - 6) with a sibling in Year 7 should arrive in school between 8.45am and 8.55am and go straight to their classroom.

We are currently awaiting information regarding transport, however, during the week beginning 24th August, we advise that you have arrangements in place to drop your child off/collect your child from the school gate. A member of staff will be at the gate in the morning and at home-times to assist pupils and parents.

In line with current guidelines and advice, parents and visitors are unable to enter the school grounds from 24th August, without a prior arrangement. Please telephone or email the school, in advance, if you require admission.

Specific arrangements will be in place for our new Year One pupils and parents to ensure a happy and safe first day at school. Mrs. Taggart will communicate these at her Induction Session on 17th August.

Children are asked to wear full school uniform and to bring a snack and a packed lunch during our Induction Week. We request that no stationery is brought into school by pupils. A school bag to carry their lunch is permitted.

Comprehensive information regarding social distancing, hand washing and sanitising practices, cleaning, drop off and collection of pupils, visitors, class arrangements, homework etc., will be issued prior to 24th August.

If you require any further information, please contact me directly.

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Take care and see you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)