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Dear Parent / Guardian

I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved half-term break. Thank-you for your continued patience and understanding during these challenging times. Following on from the Executive's announcement last week, please find important information regarding the month of March. Please read through carefully.

On Thursday 19th February 2021 the Executive agreed to a phased return to full time face-to-face teaching for certain pupils. This means that all Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils should return to school on Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March. P1 to P3 pupils will then return to remote learning the week beginning 22nd March until the start of the Easter holidays. This is to allow Year 12 to Year 14 to return to school.

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- Information relevant for only Primary 1 – 3 parents

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- COVID 19 symptoms and what to do if you are displaying symptoms

Again, thank-you to all the pupils, parents and staff. With some pupils returning to school, hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. I hope that after the Easter holidays, we will see a return to school for all pupils in some capacity. I will keep all parents informed of any new information as and when we receive it.

If anyone has any questions about the attached information or is unsure of anything, please contact myself at school (contact details above) and we can discuss. Alternatively, if anyone simply wants a little chat, we are always just a phone call away. Continue to stay safe and I can't wait to see Primary 1 – 3 pupils in school on Monday 8th March.

Yours faithfully
Mr P Greenaway
Principal

Key information for all pupils (Primary 1 – Primary 7)

P1-3 Pupils

Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils will return to school on Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March. P1 to P3 pupils will then return to remote learning the week beginning 22nd March until the start of the Easter holidays.

Remote Learning (P4-7 Pupils)

P4-7 will continue to engage with their teacher each day through Seesaw.

Key Workers

Key Worker supervision will continue to be available from Monday 1st – Friday 26th March (except for Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March). I would ask that you contact the school, by email pgreenaway945@c2kni.net before 1pm each Friday to inform us if your child will be attending.

Composite Class

The Department of Education and the Education Authorities have informed us that P4s who may be part of P3/P4 composite classes **cannot attend** with P3s as part of the P3 restart. This means that P4 pupils are not yet allowed to return to school.

P4 Parents

If all parents of P4 pupils could collect their new remote learning pack from school on **Monday 1st March between 2-3pm**. Please collect at P3/4 classroom fire exit door. If this date doesn't suit, packs can be collected Tuesday – Friday through Mr Greenaway.

Miss Doyle will be face-to-face teaching P3 pupils in school for the two weeks (Monday 8th – Friday 19th March) with the support of teachers and non-teaching staff. Miss Doyle will also continue to work with P4 pupils online. Please be mindful that feedback through Seesaw may not come immediately – thank you.

AQE

If P6 pupils return to school after Easter, Mr Greenaway will be running an AQE Club for P6 pupils for the 3rd term. This will coincide with practice papers in school. If P6 pupils do not return to school after Easter and have to continue learning remotely, then we will look to organise remote / online AQE practice.

World Book Day

We have planned some fun activities throughout next week. **World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March**. Please feel free to dress up as your favourite book character and spend the day in costume (make sure to send pictures to your class teacher). Please do not go to any expense dressing up.

St. Patrick's Day

School will be closed on Wednesday 17th March and Thursday 18th March. There will be no face-to-face teaching or work on Seesaw these days.

Survey

Many thanks to anyone who has completed the survey regarding Remote Learning. This will come offline on Monday 1st March 2021. If you haven't yet completed it, please do try as it provides the school valuable feedback which can be used in the future. If you haven't received the link via text, please contact Mr Greenaway.

Easter Holidays

School will be closed for all pupils Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April for our Easter break. There will be no work uploaded to Seesaw for the two weeks. There will be no key worker supervision provided during these dates.

Contacting School

If you have any questions regarding school work, please contact the class teacher via Seesaw. However, between Monday 8th – Friday 19th March, any P1-3 parents with school work queries, please contact the school to speak to the teacher. Any general enquires about school – contact the school (phone or email) and speak to Mr Greenaway (Principal) or Mrs Whiteside (Secretary).

Key Dates

March 2021

Monday 1 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
Remote Learning P1-P7	Remote Learning P1-P7	Remote Learning P1-P7	Remote Learning P1-P7 World Book Day – Dress Up	Whole School Challenge – Nature Walk
Monday 8 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Tuesday 9 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Wednesday 10 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Thursday 11 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Friday 12 th P1-P3 in school Whole School Challenge – Jerusalema Dance
Monday 15 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Tuesday 16 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7	Wednesday 17 th School Closed St Patrick's Day	Thursday 18 th School Closed	Friday 19 th P1-P3 in school Remote Learning P4-P7
Monday 22 nd Remote Learning P1-P7	Tuesday 23 rd Remote Learning P1-P7	Wednesday 24 th Remote Learning P1-P7	Thursday 25 th Whole School Challenge – Easter Activity	Friday 26 th Parents return packs / books 2-3pm

Key information for Primary 1 – 3 pupils for Monday 8th – Friday 19th March

Absence

If your child is going to be off school for any reason, it is vital to inform the school immediately, regardless of the reason for being off. If you would like work to be sent home via Seesaw, please say when contacting the school.

School Transport

The majority of our pupils walk or come by car to school. Pupils who use the taxi will need to contact this service to arrange pick-ups.

Arrival and Pick up Times (Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March 2021)

Class	Arrival Time	Pick Up Time
P1-2	9:00am	2:00pm
P3	9:00am	3:00pm

Parents will continue to follow a one-way system, social distancing (2 metres), around the school grounds and drop-off children at the fire exit door of each classroom. Parents will be discouraged from entering the school buildings. At pick up times, children will be collected by parents at the fire exit door / drop-off area of each classroom.

Staggered Break and Lunch

Staggered break and lunch times will be used for each class.

Class	Break Time (playground)	Lunch Time (sports hall)	Lunch Time (playground)
P1/2	10:30am-10:45am (playground)	12:15pm-12:40pm (Bottom of hall)	12:40pm-1:00pm (playground)
P3	10:45am-11:00am (playground)	12:40pm-1:00pm (Bottom of hall)	12:15pm-12:40pm (playground)

Break, Lunch and Hot Meals

We are continuing to encourage healthy snacks for break and lunch time. No fizzy drinks will be permitted in school, but I would encourage each child to have a water bottle of still water to sip throughout the day. Please ensure water bottle is labelled. Pupils may bring in a 'Friday Treat' for their break on a Friday.

Hot meals will be available from Monday 8th March for pupils in P1-3. Please refer to school website next week for menu. Remember to book meals / packed lunches etc. using Eduspot before Sunday midnight.

Any pupil bringing in a break and / or a packed lunch must use either a lunch box or a disposable bag.

School Uniforms

Children will continue to wear their school uniform each day and wear their PE uniform on their PE day.

Physical Education

Class	PE Days
P1/2	Monday & Friday
P3	Tuesday & Thursday

Stationery / School bags

Pupils in P1-3 do not require to bring in stationery for the two weeks. **School bags are still not required in school.** Any books that will be brought home will be carried in a plastic wallet that the school will provide. Class teachers will be in touch if pupils are required to bring any packs to school. Pupils may wish to bring in their own personal hand sanitiser to keep in school.

Dinner Money

School dinners will be available from Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March. School dinners will cost £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week). All bookings and payments must be made online through Eduspot by Sunday midnight of each week.

Breakfast Club

Following Department of Education guidance, the Breakfast Club will not be permitted to be available for the two weeks.

Afterschool Clubs

Following Department of Education guidance, any afterschool wraparound clubs will not be permitted to be available for the two weeks.

Definition of COVID-19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with COVID-19 have at least one of these symptoms:

Displaying Symptoms of Covid-19

Pupils, staff, or a member of their household who are displaying symptoms and have been advised to self-isolate. Pupils and staff who exhibit any symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend school.

Where an individual has had a negative result, it is important to still apply caution. If everyone with symptoms who was tested in their household receives a negative result, the pupil or member of staff can return to work providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

Anyone who tests positive will be contacted by the Contact Tracing Service in the Public Health Agency, and will need to share information about their recent interactions. This could include household members, people with whom you have been in direct contact, or been within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes. Passing in corridors and short periods of contact does not therefore present a significant risk to staff or pupils. All household members should follow PHA isolation guidance which currently requires everyone in the house to stay at home. Isolation guidance will then be provided that is context specific and may result in friendship groups, regular contacts and potentially an entire class or 'bubble' being instructed to self-isolate at home.

The guidance is as follows:

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus or a positive test, you will need to stay at home for at least 10 days;
- if you live with someone who has symptoms or a positive test, you will need to stay at home for 10 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms;
- however, if you develop symptoms during this 10-day period, you will need to self-check in accordance with Test and Trace guidance and stay at home for

10 days from the day your symptoms started (regardless of what day you are on in the original 10-day period);

- 10 days after your symptoms started, if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to continue to self-isolate. If you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal. You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 10 days, as a cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone;

Pupils/Staff experiencing symptoms in school

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature/fever or anosmia (a loss or a change in your normal sense of smell, which can also affect your sense of taste) in an educational setting, they and any members of their household within that school setting must be sent home and advised to follow the PHA guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.