**Covid**

As all children return to school for the third term we want to make sure that everyone is able to engage in face to face learning for the rest of this school year. We also want our Primary 4 and 7 families to enjoy the Sacramental celebrations that are scheduled for April and May without any complications. There is a responsibility on everyone to ensure that we follow the COVID-19 protocols and take all necessary precautions. Please remember that if your child(ren) displays any **symptoms of COVID-19** *(continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste)* they **MUST** not attend school or travel on school transport until they receive a negative test result or complete a 10-day period of isolation. Children must also not come to school if a member of their household or someone with whom they have had a **close contact** is being tested for COVID19. It is preferable that a child misses one or two days rather than a whole group of children and adults having to isolate for 10 days.

**Primary 3**

Primary 3 pupils will now remain in school until 2.45pm beginning from Monday 19th April.

**Uniform**

All pupils are still permitted to wear their PE gear to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that this should include navy jogging bottoms. **Black bottoms or leggings are not part of our uniform and not acceptable**. On the other 3 days, pupils must wear normal school uniform including black footwear.

**Construction Work**

As the new Play School nears completion, there remains a lot of work vehicles around the school grounds. Please take extra care at drop off and collection times. Under no circumstances should any pupil enter the school via the main gates in the morning. Unfortunately, I have witnessed parents sending pupils in through this gate on several occasions.

**Face Covering**

Please remember that we strongly urge all our parents to continue to wear face coverings at our school gates. Only Primary 1 parents are permitted to enter the school grounds in the mornings.

**Hair**

Can I ask that any boys/girls with long hair please use gogos ets to keep their hair tied back in school so as to avoid any transmitting of hair lice.

**Sacraments**

Confirmation: Thursday 22nd April @ 5pm

First Penance: Wednesday 28th April @ 7pm

First Holy Communion: Saturday 8th May @ 11am

*All sacraments will take place in St. Oliver Plunkett’s Church Forkhill and face coverings for everyone is compulsory.*

I thank you for your continuing cooperation and support of our school. Hopefully we will have a Summer term with no more interruptions.

Kevin Woods

**PRINCIPAL**