Dear Parents, 27th August

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Wednesday 1st September. We have decided to remain vigilant with regards to the transmission of Covid-19 and will continue with our ‘bubble system’ in school. However, we will be able to relax things slightly in terms of after school’s activities and some playground groupings. Our key aim is still to keep everyone healthy and avoid the need for isolating.

**Staffing**

We welcome Mrs R. Hearty to the teaching staff. She will be teaching Primary 4/5 this year. We also have Miss S. Mc Crink who will be teaching Primary 2 for September. We welcome both to our school community.

**School Uniforms**

We will keep the same routine as last year where full school uniform (including black footwear) should be worn on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays and PE gear can be worn on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Pupils can take their own **school bags, plastic water bottles and plastic lunch boxes** to school each day. However, I must stress the need to ensure both water bottles and lunch boxes are washed thoroughly each evening.

**School Times**

Can all parents please ensure that pupils enter the school in the mornings via the **small gates** only, no pupil is allowed to walk over the roundabout.

Supervision in classrooms begins at 8.45am. Therefore, no pupil should be on the school premises before this time without prior permission from myself. (This does not affect those travelling by school bus). Only parents of pupils in Primary 1 and Primary 2 (for first 2 weeks) are permitted to enter school grounds and must wear a face covering at all times. I ask for your cooperation on this matter. Any pupil arriving to school **after 9am** must enter the school via main office and be signed into the Late Book by an adult.

**School Finishing**

Ms Meehan and Mr Hannaway will dismiss their classes at the small gate beside the church. Mrs Morgan, Mrs Mc Kenna and Mrs Hearty will use the small gate beside the new play school.

**School Dinners**

School dinners remain £2.60 per day. This should always be paid on the week following the receipt of dinners at the very latest.

**Covid-19**

Parents play a vital role in reducing the potential risk and transmission of Covid within our school. We continue to ask you to keep your child at home if they feel unwell. You are advised to seek a PCR test should they present with any of the symptoms, namely a cough, temperature, sore throat, headache and/or loss of smell or taste. If your child completes a PCR test, we would appreciate if you would contact the school, regardless of the results. I have posted the latest directive received regarding ‘close contacts’ on our school website.

We will continue to implement our routines regarding good hand sanitising throughout the school.

Many thanks for your continuing cooperation over this settling back process. It is much appreciated. Further information regarding our return to school will be made available next week.

Regards

Kevin Woods

**Principal**