



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Phased Reopening of School for Nursery – Year 3 Pupils

I hope that you and your family are well at this time.

I would have liked to have sent you this reopening information earlier in the week but I have been waiting on updated guidance from the Department of Education and the Education Authority which has still not arrived. As time is moving on, I have decided that I cannot wait any longer, as parents need information about next week to allow you to plan. I hope that there will not be any further change to this information but if there is I will communicate with you again.

We are delighted to be welcoming Nursery – Year 3 pupils back to face to face, learning and teaching, in school, on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. These pupils will attend school for two weeks and revert back to Online Learning for the last week of term from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Unfortunately, Year 4 – 7 pupils are not permitted to return to school at this time and will continue their Online Learning on Google Classroom.

Supervised Learning in school will continue to be available for the children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils in Years 4 - 7.

As you probably already know, the plan at this stage is that Nursery – Year 3 pupils will return to school after the Easter Holidays on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Currently, the plan is for Year 4 – 7 pupils to continue Online Learning after Easter. The Executive however are due to review this on 16<sup>th</sup> March and if there are any changes I will let you know.

A reminder that our school holidays remain as planned and school will be closed, with no Online Learning as follows:

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick’s Day
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Easter

Included with this letter is our Phased Reopening Plan which contains a lot of very detailed information and I would ask you to please read it carefully. I would like to highlight the following areas from this plan:

### Face Coverings

**Following Department of Education guidance, all parents entering the school grounds must now wear a face covering.** We would also encourage parents waiting to collect pupils outside the school grounds to wear a face covering.

### Sickness/Covid Symptoms

During this time, we would ask that pupils who are in any way unwell are kept at home. A reminder that pupils must not be sent to school if they are anyone in the household is displaying any of the three Covid-19 Symptoms and parents should follow the PHA guidance:

- **High Temperature**
- **New continuous cough** (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hrs)
- **Loss of or change in sense of smell or taste**

### Staggered Arrival Times

These remain unchanged with the morning arrival period of 30 minutes and 3 arrival windows and we would ask parents to stick strictly to these:

- 8.40am – 8.50am: A – G
- 8.50am – 9.00am: H – M
- 9.00am – 9.10am: Mc - Z

### Daily Timings & Entrances/Exits

Class	Arrival Entrance	Finish Time	Departure Exit
Nursery	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate	Staggered Departures 1:00 -1:10pm - A - F 1:10 -1:20pm - G - M 1:20 -1:30pm - N - Z	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate
Year 1	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate	1.45pm	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate
Year 2	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate	2pm	Red Nursery Outdoor Play Area Gate
Year 3	Front Door	2pm	Back Gate in Car Park 2 beside Caretaker's Residence

### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club remains closed until further notice.

### School Meals

Free and paid School Meals will be available as normal from 8th March for Nursery – Year 3 pupils and direct payments in lieu of free school meals will stop for these pupils. **Year 4 – 7 pupils attending Supervised Learning will be able to have a school meal but must pay for these, even if they are entitled to Free School Meals.** This is because, parents of these pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals, will continue to receive direct payments in lieu of these.

Thank you again for your support, patience and co-operation during these challenging times. We hope to be able to welcome all of our pupils back to school as soon as possible after Easter. If there is anything else that we can do to further support you in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I wish you and your family well and hope that you stay safe in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully  
Richard Woolsey  
Principal