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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

The school had, in agreement with governors, finalised a plan to ensure ALL our pupils were able to return to school safely. We are very fortunate to have extra teaching space available and thankfully were able to accommodate all pupils using different areas in the school.

Following the minister's announcement last night we may now be in the position that allows all pupils to remain in the same classroom. We will await further clarification from the minister before finalising arrangements.

Please be assured either way procedures are in place to ensure that all our pupils will attend school full time in September.

Return dates confirmed:

Monday 24th August – Friday 28th August
Primary 7 will attend school from 9am - 12pm

Thursday 27th August – Friday 28th August
Primary 4- 7 will attend school from 9am – 12pm

Tuesday 1st September
Primary 2 – 7 everyone returns to school for normal school day.

Reception, Primary 1 and Rang 1 pupils will receive confirmation of their starting dates during their Induction Sessions. Pupils will be staggered in to the class in small groups beginning Tuesday 1st September. Pupils will return to school everyday from their start date. School will finish at 12pm from then until Friday 11th September. From Monday 14th September Primary 1 and Rang 1 normal school day will finish at 2pm. Reception class will continue to finish at 12pm everyday.

As per guidelines and in an effort to avoid large gatherings at any one time school starting times will be staggered.

School starting times:

8:45am: Pupils and families with working parents only.

9am: Remaining families with younger siblings in the school.

9:10am: All remaining pupils.

- Classes will enter through designated entrance doors. Details of such will again be reviewed following ministerial guidelines and will be issued to parents accordingly.
- We encourage older siblings, where possible, to accompany younger siblings to their designated entrance. The class teacher will meet the child at the door and the older sibling will continue to their own class entrance.
- The school recognise that only naturally, some pupils may be apprehensive about coming back to school. However due to current restrictions it is preferable that pupils enter the school grounds with their siblings or a classmate.
- If the parent of a younger child in Reception, Primary 1, Rang 1 or Primary 2 is walking the child to the door parents are asked to please be responsible and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible, allowing for the next cohort of children to arrive safely.
- Should any parent wish to speak to the teacher, please send in a note with your child or alternatively an appointment can be made through the school office.

School finishing times are as follows:

2pm: Primary 2 - Primary 3

Pupils can be lifted at designated exit door.

P4-P7 pupils are expected to remain in class for the full school day. We would ask parents to please refrain from taking older siblings out at this time as this disrupts teaching time.

Parents requesting early dismissal, necessary for medical or any other valid purpose should send in a written note to the class teacher on the morning in question or contact the school office if circumstances arise on short notice.

2:45pm

Primary 4 and Primary 5 Pupils will be accompanied to the school gate by their class teacher. Older siblings in P6-P7 will be sent out also at this time.

3pm

Primary 6 and Primary 7 Pupils will be accompanied to the school gate by their class teacher.

General School Information:

Pupils will be asked to take in only what is necessary from home.

This will include a coat and a lunchbox. No schoolbags will be allowed in school.

Each child should come to school on the first day with their own pencil case and supplies: Pencils, Rubbers, Sharpners, Colouring Pencils etc. This pencil case will remain in school.

Further details will follow after updated guidance from the minister has been received.

Hoping the weather picks up for you to enjoy the remainder of the holidays and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards



Mrs Feena Hughes
Principal