



# St Dallan's Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and the children all had a lovely rest and enjoyed the mid-term break.

I am sure you have all heard by now that on Thursday 18 February the Northern Ireland Executive announced a phased reopening of schools from 8 March. We as a school only received our guidance from the Department of Education yesterday about how the reopening is to be managed. Working on the information we have and taking account of the ever fluid situation which we all are familiar with now, the plan for moving forward at the moment is as follows:

- From Monday 8 March to Friday 19 March: All Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 children will return to school for face to face teaching. School meals will be available for those who wish but our Healthy Snack facility will not be available until after Easter.
- To facilitate this, Primary 1 - Primary 3 teachers will provide remote learning on Friday 5 March but will be unavailable for support as they will be planning and preparing for the children's return to school.
- From Monday 8 March: Primary 4 to Primary 7 will continue with remote learning;
  - Supervised Learning will continue to operate for children of key workers/vulnerable children. These children should continue to bring a packed lunch as school meals will not be available for this group.
- The school will be closed 17 March and 18 March for St Patrick's Day (There will be no remote learning on these days).
- From Monday 22 March to Thursday 1 April at 12 noon Primary 1 – Primary 7 children will engage in remote learning; Supervised Learning will continue for children of key workers/vulnerable children.
- School will be closed for the Easter Holidays from 12 noon on Thursday 1 April to Sunday 11 April
- Monday 12 April Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils will return to school for face to face teaching
- The arrangements for Primary 4 to Primary 7 have yet to be announced.

**From Monday 8 March onwards we will return to staggered start and dismissal times for all children. A reminder of these times are as follows:**

**Morning Times:**

All children whose surname begins with A – H will arrive at 8.35am

All children whose surname begins with I – Mc/M will arrive at 8.45am

All children whose surname begins with N – Z will arrive at 8.55am

**Afternoon Times:**

Primary 1, 2 & 3 children will finish lessons and may be collected between 2.00 and 2.15pm.

Primary 4, 5, 6 & 7 children whose surname begins with A – L will leave at 2.35pm.

Primary 4, 5, 6 & 7 children whose surname begins with M – Z will leave at 2.45pm.

*(Primary 1, 2 & 3 children may remain in class until older siblings are being dismissed.)*

As a staff we are delighted to start welcoming the children back for face to face teaching and we will be working to implement a `Recovery Curriculum` which will prioritise and focus on the well-being of our children as they return.

Thank you for you continued support through what has been a very difficult year for us all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs U Farrell

Principal