



St Dallan's Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and the children are all having a very enjoyable St Patrick's Day break.

I am sure you have all heard by now that yesterday Tuesday 16 March, following a meeting, the Northern Ireland Executive announced the return of the Primary 4 to Primary 7 children to join the Primary 1 to Primary 3 on Monday 22 March. We as a school only received our guidance last night from the Department of Education 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 22 March all children will be able to come to school for face to face teaching.
- School meals will be available for those who wish and must be booked in advance.
- To facilitate this, Primary 4 - Primary 7 teachers will provide remote learning on Friday 19 March but will be unavailable for support as they will be planning and preparing for the children's return to school.
- Friday 19 March will be the last day of Supervised Learning for children of key workers/vulnerable children.
- School will close for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 1 April at 11.00am.

Please note we have returned to staggered start and dismissal times for all children. Below is a reminder of these times:

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 that we can welcome back Primary 4 to Primary 7 children and have the entire school back for face to face teaching. We will be working to implement a `Recovery Curriculum` which will prioritise and focus on the well-being of our children as they all return.

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

Yours sincerely,
Mrs U Farrell
Principal