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Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Return to School P1-3 Pupils

As you will all be aware, following the advice from the Education Minister, Peter Weir, and the Stormont Executive, P1-3 pupils will return for face-to-face teaching from Monday 8th March until Tuesday 16th March. School will be closed Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th & Friday 19th March. P1-3 pupils will then revert back to remote learning from Monday 22nd March until Wednesday 31st March (Easter Holidays). They will then return to school on Tuesday 13th April. However, there is still some clarification needed around this; we will keep you informed as we are made aware of any changes from the Education Minister.

We will continue to operate our 'drive by' system for drop offs and pickups. School will be open from 8.40am for pupils. All pupils, P1-3 will go home at 2.00pm to allow Mrs Hughes to facilitate 'Online learning' for her P4 class. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Online Learning

P4-7 pupils will be continuing with online learning, up to and including Wednesday 31st March. There has not been a specific date set for their return to face-to-face teaching yet.

We will be continuing to use our online learning platform, Google Classroom. Parents are reminded to ensure their child logs on daily, if possible, through MySchool or using the GC app. If your child is unable to log in or complete their assigned tasks on a particular day, please email your child's class teacher so that they are aware not to expect work to be 'Handed in'. We really appreciate your support with this.

Home Learning Packs

Home learning packs* will be available to collect from school on Monday 8th March, for P4-7 pupils. These will cover work up to the Easter Holidays (Wednesday 31st March). Work will be assigned daily on Google classroom to complement the work in home learning packs.

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Collection times as follows:

Surname A-G: 10.00-10.15am

Surname H-M: 10.20 - 10.35am

Surname Mc: 10.40 - 10.55am

Surname N-Z: 11.00 - 11.15am

Vulnerable children and children of key workers, attending school, will receive their packs in school. *If you are dropping off a child in P1-3 you can collect their pack at that time.

Please return all library books, reading books and school resources from previous home learning packs, as these are expensive to replace.

Supervised Learning

School will remain open for supervised learning for vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers.

School Dinners

School dinners will be available for P1-3 pupils and those attending for Supervised Learning from Monday 8th March until Tuesday 16th March.

Post Primary Admissions

P7 parents are reminded that the portal from applying for Post Primary placements opened today at 12noon and closes on Tuesday 16th March at 4.00pm.

Please ensure you have downloaded 'SchoolsNI' app to receive notifications of updates on our school website.

Once again, the staff of St. Mary's, would like to commend you all for your continued hard work, effort and dedication over the past few weeks with your child/ren's home schooling. We appreciate everything you are doing to ensure continuity of learning for all our pupils. I would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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