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Dear Parents,

On the 24th February 2021 the Minister for Education, announced that 'a phased return to full time face-to-face teaching for certain pupils is to start in March'.

- Children from P1, P2, & P3 will return to full-time face-to-face teaching on Monday 8th March until Friday 19th March. This does not include Primary 4,5,6 or 7.
- School is closed to all pupils on 16th, 17th & 18th March for pre-arranged holidays.
- On the week beginning 22nd March until -1st April, (Holy Thursday), P1, P2 & P3 will revert back to remote learning in keeping with the rest of the school.
- P1, P2 & P3 will then return to full-time face-to-face teaching after the Easter holidays beginning Monday 12th April 2021.
- Currently there is no updated information about the other year groups returning.

On Monday 8th March

- Mrs. Chamber's class bubble will enter school through the side gate of the playground between 9:00-9:15am. They can be collected from the school gate at 1:55pm.
- Miss McGarrity's class bubble will enter school through the main front door between 9:00- 9:15am. They can be collected from the school gate at 2:00pm.
- All children should wear their full school uniform including a coat. We ask that they bring the homeschool learning pack, reading folder and lunch box with them in one bag. School dinners will be available at the usual cost of £2.60 per day.
- The school will continue to provide supervised learning for the children of key workers. If you meet the key worker criteria and would like to send your child to school during the week beginning 8th March, please send an email to info@stmarys.derrytrasna.ni.sch.uk before Friday 5th March at 12:00pm.
- All key worker children who are attending school, will become one class bubble. They will enter school through the dining hall between 9:00- 9:15am. They can be collected from the school gate at 2:05pm or 3:00pm.

- Adults attending the school at arrival and collection times should adhere to the current PHA advice and social distancing protocols.
- Please note that anyone displaying any of the key COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:
 - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest
 - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 - anosmia - the loss or a change in your normal sense of smell (it can also affect your sense of taste).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, yourselves and the staff for the huge effort that is being made to continue learning during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

Una M^cAlinden

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