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Dear Parents,

In line with further guidance issued by the Education Minister, pupils from P4-P7 will return to fulltime face-to face teaching from 22nd March. As we look forward to welcoming all our children back to school, I would like to thank you for the tremendous effort that has been made by everyone in sustaining and supporting the children in their remote learning. The arrangements for the safe return to school of the children are as follows:

- All children return to school on Monday 22nd March until 12:00 noon on 1st April.
- The staggered arrival time of 9:00-9:15am will be in operation with all children now entering the school through the assembly/dining hall entrance.
- Please ensure your child washes their hands before coming to school and adheres to social distancing protocols in and around the school. There is a one-way system in place and the children will leave at the end of the day through the side entrance. Staggered collection times are: P1/P2 = 1:55pm P2/P3 = 2:00pm P4 = 2:50pm P5 = 2:55pm P6/P7 = 3:00pm
- All children should wear their full school uniform including a coat. Your child's teacher will inform you of their P.E day. The P.E uniform is plain black bottoms, white polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.
- Homeschool learning packs, reading folder and any books that belong to the school should be brought to school on Monday, please label all items with your child's name.
- School dinners will be available for all children (£2.60 per day). Milk will not be available until after Easter.
- School transport will be available.
- 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.

Yours sincerely,

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