

Victoria Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

Last week schools received a letter from the Minister of Education. He advised that from **Monday 8th March until Friday 19th March children in Nursery will return to face-to-face teaching in school.** School will be closed on the 17th March.

On **Monday 22nd March these children will resume remote learning until the start of the Easter Holidays.** As from Monday 12th April, children in nursery will return to full-time face-to-face teaching. (The Department of education may review these plans).

In line with guidance from Public Health and the Department of Education the school will continue to adhere stringently to the mitigation measures that were introduced in August 2020. We need your to support us fully in this to keep our school community safe (children, families and staff).

KEY MESSAGES

Please **DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell.**

If your child, a household member or close contact has any **SYMPTOMS of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste) DO NOT bring them to school.**

Follow PHA guidance: <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/> If your child, a household member or close contact tests positive for COVID-19 the child MUST self isolate for 10 days.

Additional signage has been provided to all schools to encourage everyone to comply with public health messaging. Parents/guardians from different households, collecting their child **must stay at least 2 metres apart.**

Parents/carers **must wear a face covering** in our school grounds at all times. Please inform all those who bring your child or collect them. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering you need to contact the school in writing via email: info@victorians.belfast.ni.sch.uk. Please can you ensure you advise all those who drop off or pick up your child of these requirements.

Communication with staff on arrival and collection should be brief and always at a two metre distance. If you need to speak to staff about any matter in more depth please phone the school between 8.30am and 9am 02890744247 or email Only phone the school during teaching hours (9am -1.15pm) if it is an emergency.

REMINDERS

1. Staggered start from 9am (at the earliest) to 9.30am.
2. On arrival stand on the red cones 2m apart. Hold your child's hand. ONLY ONE family should be in the covered veranda area at a time.
3. Help your child to hang up their coat and to wash their hands at the sink (only family should be at the sink at a time).
4. One Way system: When you are leaving after arrival or pick up please walk around the slide and down the side of the tunnel to avoid congestion.
5. Please collect your child on time. Staggered collection 12.45pm – 1.15pm.
6. If your child becomes unwell in school DENI guidance will be followed and your child will go to our isolation area until they are collected by a parent. Parents will be contacted immediately and should collect them as soon as possible. A consent form and updated contact form will be in your child's box on Monday 8th March. Please return this form to school as soon as possible.

Finally, schools will continue to be guided by the prevailing public health advice and scientific evidence. Should the NI Executive and the Education Minister issue further instructions to schools these will be communicated to you. It is therefore important that you regularly check your text messages and seesaw for school updates.

For any more information please email the school at info@victorians.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Thank you for your help and support in keeping our school community safe.

Kind Regards,

Orla McAllister

8th March 2021 – UPDATE OF CONTACT NUMBERS

I have read the letter regarding the return of pupils and agree to follow school guidance.

Child's Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

If your child becomes unwell in school or we have a case of covid in our school community we must contact you immediately.

Please provide at least 3 working mobile numbers and at least one email address

Contact 1 Name: Mobile Number: Relationship to child: Email Address:	This number will be used as your first contact on our text messaging service
Contact 2 Name: Mobile Number: Relationship to child: Email Address:	This number will be used as your first contact on our text messaging service.
Contact 3 Name: Mobile Number: Relationship to child:	This number will be contacted if we are unable to reach the first two contacts