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Thursday, 4th June, 2020.

Dear Parent,

I hope you and all your family members are keeping safe during these uncertain times and that you have been able to enjoy the fabulous weather.

I also hope that you are continuing to enjoy home schooling. Thank you for all the wonderful photographs you have been sending in. Staff have loved seeing all the fun and educational activities taking place at home. We are missing you all very much and are looking forward to seeing you all again.

There are no plans, at present to re-open our school in June, however, please be assured that the Board Of Governors and staff will be working tirelessly in the coming weeks to put a provisional plan in place for the autumn term. We are currently awaiting government guidance to ensure that we can provide the safest possible return to school for our pupils and staff. Further information will be provided in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile, staff have been busy writing reports and gathering your child's books and belongings for collection next week.

In order to ensure that social distancing rules can be observed, collection times will be staggered. All your children's reports and books will be handed out by your **eldest child's** teacher on the following days from **12pm to 2pm**, either from the school playground (weather permitting) or the school dinner hall.

Thursday, 11th June, 2020: **Year 3/4** – Mrs. McConnell

Friday, 12th June, 2020: **Year 5/6** – Mrs. Mulligan
Year 7 – Mrs. McCallan and Mrs. Barrett

Saturday, 13th June, 2020: **Year 1/2** - Mrs. Taggart

If you are unable to come, please contact me in advance by telephone or e-mail.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

Due to the current pandemic, some of our usual transition arrangements that take place at this time of year, have had to be put on hold or will be delivered differently. Additional arrangements have also been planned for.

In order to provide more clarity, I will be issuing letters to parents of pupils in **Year 6** and **Year 7** on **Monday, 8th June**. These letters will be issued on the Home page of our school website.

Mrs. Taggart will also be issuing a letter to parents of pupils starting **Year 1**. This letter will be delivered by post.

I keep in regular contact with Fr. McGahan. There are currently no arrangements in place for Confirmation or First Holy Communion.

Mathletics has now been purchased for all pupils in our school for the incoming year. Mathletics is an online programme which can be used to develop pupils' Mathematics And Numeracy knowledge and skills. It can be accessed both at home and at school. Thank you, most sincerely to our Parents' Association for funding this programme. Mrs. Barrett organised a free trial for April and May for pupils in Years 6 and 7 and teachers have been using the online resources. Pupils, parents and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed using it. Further information will be provided shortly, once the programme has been set up and usernames and passwords have been issued.

An electronic form will be sent to your mobile phone regarding the potential lending of IT devices to pupils. These devices are being provided by the Department Of Education. Priority will be given to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, however, we would encourage all parents to complete the form. Please complete one form per household. Once the information has been collated we will forward a request through EA. This information will also be useful to us in preparation for re-opening our school.

Further information will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by e-mail, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)