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Tuesday, 30th June, 2020.

Dear Parent,

I hope you and all your family members continue to keep safe and well.

As I stated in my previous letter, staff and Governors have been working tirelessly in recent weeks to put a Provisional Restart Plan in place for the autumn term. Following some reorganisation of available space, we are delighted to inform you that we hope to open our school to all pupils on a full-time basis in August/September. Our Restart Plan is fully compliant with current PHA guidance regarding 1 metre social distancing for children and two metres for adults.

Please read the following information carefully.

Year 1: Staggered intake from **Tuesday, 1st September, 2020.** Mrs. Taggart will be in touch regarding each child's specific start date.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: All pupils to return on a full-time basis from **Tuesday, 1st September, 2020.**

Year 7: All Year Seven pupils to return on a full-time basis from **Monday, 24th August, 2020.** Year Seven pupils are being prioritised by the Department Of Education as they will be transitioning to Post-Primary next year.

Please note that our Restart Plan is COVID 19 dependent and that circumstances may change. We will keep you informed over the summer of any relevant changes.

As we hope that the children will be returning to school on a full-time basis and to help facilitate regular washing of school uniforms, in line with PHA and DENI guidance our normal policy regarding school uniform will remain in place. Details of which days full school uniform and PE uniform are to be worn will be issued closer to reopening. If you have any concerns regarding school uniform, please contact me directly. Your concerns will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

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We request that no stationery is brought into school by pupils. A school bag to carry their lunch is permitted.

Unfortunately, we have been given no information regarding transport or school meals from the Education Authority of the Department of Education. If you wish to see if your child's bus is operating please contact the Education Authority on 02882411411

Our **School Closures List for 2020 - 2021** had been amended in line with the earlier reopening of schools. It is available on the Home page of our school website. Please read it carefully and discard the previous copy.

Comprehensive information regarding social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing practices, cleaning, drop off and collection of pupils, visitors, class arrangements, etc., will be issued in August.

Please read the following announcements carefully:

Mrs. Kathy Dolan has resigned from her position as Class Teacher in our school. Mrs. Dymphna McConnell was covering her Career Break and this has now come to an end. Therefore, Mrs. McConnell will not be returning as a member of staff next term. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of staff and Governors to thank Mrs. Dolan and Mrs. McConnell most sincerely for their service to the school. We thank them for their dedication, commitment and care for the children. We wish them every happiness and success for the future. There will be an opportunity for parents to contribute to gifts at a later date and we hope to organise a presentation, when COVID – 19 guidance allows.

Fr. McGahan and I have agreed the following dates.

Confirmation Practice: Sunday, 16th August, 2020 @ 5pm in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.

Confirmation: Saturday, 22nd August, 2020 @ 12pm in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, 26th September, 2020 @ 2pm in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.

Further information regarding social distancing requirements at these events to be issued closer to the time.

Mathletics has now been purchased for all pupils in our school for the incoming year. Pupils who previously had a username and password can continue to access Mathletics over the summer months. Pupils in all other classes will be given their username and password in September.

Pupils currently in Years 5, 6 and 7 can access **Accelerated Reader** over the summer, too.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Service Of Light/Leavers' Celebration on Sunday evening and to everyone who formed the Guard Of Honour, in such poor weather. I will be in contact over the summer with current Year Seven parents regarding a special day out for the Year Seven pupils before Confirmation.

We say Goodbye also to Caroline and Paul McCarroll and Colette and Damien McCabe whose youngest child is leaving our school. Thank you, parents, for your support and co-operation over the years. Please keep in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff, parents and pupils a relaxing and safe summer break and to wish our Year Seven pupils every happiness and success in their new schools. They are wonderful children and we will miss them dearly. We welcome all our new Year One parents and pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)