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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Phased Return to School

As I am sure you are aware, the Department of Education has decided that pupils will return to school on a phased basis. As directed by the Education Minister Peter Weir, Primary 1, 2 and 3 will return to school for face-to-face teaching from Monday 8th March to Friday 19th March for two weeks.

We had previously organised school holidays to take place from Wednesday 17th March to Friday 19th March. However, in order to optimise pupils' time in face to face lessons, the Board of Governors has agreed to reschedule these holidays. School will therefore only close one day (Wed 17th March) for Saint Patrick's Day and will reopen on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March for P1-P3 pupils.

Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils will continue to avail of remote learning until the Easter holidays on Monday 29th March. We know that this is so disappointing for pupils, parents and staff but a cautious return will hopefully ensure that COVID transmission rates remain manageable.

Easter holidays will be from Tuesday 30th March to Friday 9th April inclusive and we very much hope that all pupils will return to school after Easter. However, the situation is ever-changing and we will know more from the Department of Education as Easter approaches.

On behalf of staff and Governors, I would like to commend pupils and parents on their tremendous commitment to remote learning. You should all be very proud of yourselves! I would also like to thank my staff for their excellent work both online and in school over the last few months.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mary Redmond

Principal

