Dear Parent/Guardian

The Education Minister has confirmed that all children will return to school on Monday 22nd March. We look forward to finally having our school fully reopened next week.

We will continue with the arrangements which were in place from Sept-December regarding safe practices in school. We would ask parents to familiarise themselves with these again.

**Staggered drop off and pick up times**

School gates will open at 8.45am and children have been divided into two groups according to alphabetical order. Group 1 will be permitted at 8.45am and Group 2 at 8.55am.

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| Group 1 – 8.45am | Group 2 – 8.55am |
| Families with surname beginning A-L | Families with surname beginning M-Z |

## Entering the school

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| **Class** | **Entry point to school** |
| **Primary 1** | Playground, through small gate |
| **Primary 2/3** | Playground, through small gate |
| **Primary 4/5** | Playground, via big gate at main entrance |
| **Primary 6/7** | Playground, via gate at principal’s office from post-box gate |

## Collection Procedures

As with school arrivals, collection and departure procedures at the end of the school day will also be staggered.

Children will leave school through the same gate that they entered.

P1/P2 will finish at 1.45pm. With staggered collection times.

Group1 children will leave school at 1.50pm.

Group 2 children will leave school at 2.00pm.

To facilitate the staggered collection of P3-P7 children.

Group 1 children will leave school at 2.50pm.

Group 2 children will leave school at 3.00pm.

Schoolbags and lunch boxes are now permitted in school. Please ensure that any lunchboxes used can be full cleaned after each use. (no cloth/fur lunchboxes)

As a school community, we must re-focus our attention on the most up-to-date advice and guidance from the PHA. It is very important that we focus on our hand hygiene at all times and that we do our utmost to ensure that social distancing is maintained. Please ensure that your child has adequate stationary, handkerchiefs and hand sanitiser available in school. This will help to minimise contacts and the chance of Covid-19 spreading in our school.

**Minders Club for Primary 1&2 will begin as planned after the Easter Holidays (12th April)**

Regards,

Kieran McCrory