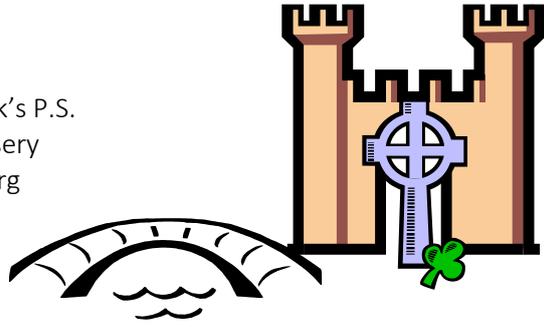


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Dear Parent/s,

I hope you and all your family are all keeping well. I write to you with the good news that we will welcome back pupils in the Nursey classes, P1, P2 and P3 back for 2 weeks from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March until 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

All the staff are looking forward to the pupils return and I expect all our pupils to return to school happily. Staff will be at the front gate as normal if there are any difficulties on the pupils return.

The normal Covid – 19 arrangements will continue, as will the normal drop off and collections times for all these age groups.

For P1 P2 and P3 there will be no planned homework with the exception of reading – the most important homework. There will be a hot packed lunch provided by the school meals service and school transport will resume for these children.

I would be hopeful that P4, P5, P6 and P7 return after the Easter holidays. The children have coped well with Google Classroom/Remote Learning. But I will be asking the teachers to include lots of fun activities as well as learning activities in the week beginning the 22nd March 2021 and into Holy Week.

There will be no set work over the Easter Holidays as everybody - pupils, parent/s and teachers need a well-earned rest before we all hopefully return after the Easter break.

I am not expecting any change to Covid -19 school restrictions right until the end of June however the counter balance to this is that all children return safely and get to enjoy the summer term safely.

At the moment there is no announcement regarding a transfer/entrance exam for pupils in P6 and it is difficult to see how this could take place – so we will wait until further guidance is provided by the schools who use an entrance exam. I will contact P6 parents when I am given guidance.

There has been no decision taken within the Diocese regarding Sacramental Dates – so we will have to wait until guidance is provided. So please don't be making preparations at this stage. Fr. Paul and myself will be in touch with parents when decisions have been taken.

P7 parents can apply online for a secondary school place via the EA website from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 until 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021. There is information on how to apply on our school website. If you need further assistance you can email me at the school email account.

World Book day takes place this week and there is lots of activities on the World Book Day Website <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

In the meantime, take care and I look forward to welcoming the children back over the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Mc Gurk Principal