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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I trust this latest letter finds you and your families well. We are all glad to hear the positive impact the lockdown, social distancing, and vaccinations are having on Covid 19 spread and hope we will return to normality soon.

The first step on this road is the phased reopening of schools. Guidance on reopening was shared by the Education Authority yesterday. I have summarised the key points relevant to Primary Schools below:

- School reopens for full time face-to-face teaching of P1 to P3 pupils **only** from 8th to 19th March inclusive.
- School closes to all pupils, except children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children, on 22nd March.
- Remote Learning resumes for all classes from 22nd March until Easter Break (31st March)
- Supervision will be provided for children of Key Workers and vulnerable children from 8th March until Easter Break (half day 31st March) on request. To facilitate supervision planning, a form requesting supervision must now be completed weekly.
- School reopens for full time face-to-face teaching of P1 to P3 pupils only after Easter Break on 12th April. Remote Learning resumes for all other classes on this date. No date for return to full time face-to-face teaching of P4 to P7 children has yet been shared.
- School meals will be available for P1 to P3, Key Worker and vulnerable children from 8th to 19th April. Please complete the School Meals form on our school website in the usual manner.
- Key Worker and vulnerable children being supervised from 22nd March must bring a packed lunch to school.
- School Transport will be available for P1-3 pupils who are entitled to it from Monday 8th to Friday 19th March. Transport will also be available for entitled Key Worker and vulnerable children from 8th March until Easter Break.

- EA guidance recommends pupils do not wear facecoverings in class. Staff will wear facecoverings where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings must be worn on school transport.
- These arrangements are subject to change. I will update you if and when any new directions are given by the Department of Education or the Education Authority.

Teaching arrangements from 8th March until 19th March.

Teaching arrangements for P1-2 will be as in Term 1. Pupils should enter by the main pedestrian gate at 9.00am. School will finish at 2.00pm.

P3 pupils should enter through the pedestrian gate on the Corkey Road at 9.00am. School will finish at 2.50pm.

Parents/Guardians should not enter the school grounds unless by arrangement.

P4 will have remote learning provision, as detailed below.

P5-7 will have remote learning provision as before.

As we are unable to bring our P4s in to school for face-to-face teaching along with their P3 classmates, we will continue to provide remote learning for our P4 class. Mrs Black and Miss Lynn will plan together for provision of both face-to-face teaching for the P3s and remote learning for the P4s from 8th March, with additional support from Mrs Henry on Mondays as Miss Lynn is unavailable.

Details of responsibilities are outlined below:

Class:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P3 (face to face)	Mrs Black	Mrs Black	Mrs Black	Miss Lynn	Miss Lynn
P4 (remote learning)	Mrs Henry	Miss Lynn	Miss Lynn	Mrs Black	Mrs Black

We appreciate this arrangement is not ideal, however, it is the best arrangement we can make in keeping with guidance from the EA.

It is important that parents of P4 children only contact the teacher in charge of P4 remote learning on each given day, as the teacher working with P3 will be unable to respond to work submissions or assist with any difficulties at that time. The teacher with responsibility for P4 will assist with any difficulties and respond to work submissions on their day of responsibility. Contact details will be provided on the Home Learning Webpage Daily Notes.

To facilitate Remote Learning until Easter, work packs have been prepared for P5-7 children who previously requested them. Please forward any further requests to your child's teacher. P4 children have received all resources they require until the Easter break. Please return any completed reading and AR books at this time.

Packs will be available for collection from the P7 classroom on Friday 5th March at the following times:

- P5, P6 and P7: 2.00pm to 2.30pm

We remain hopeful of a Return to School for all children after Easter. We will provide a further update on the Return to School for P4 to P7 children as soon as we receive it.

Remote and face-to-face learning will finish for Easter with a half day on 31st March, resuming on 12th April. Please contact me on hduffin422@c2kni.net if you have any further questions or concerns.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Duffin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry Duffin (Principal)