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Mrs Claire McGonigal, Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Return to School, Monday 19 April 2021

Following the First Minister's update on Tuesday 6 April, I am very happy to confirm that all pupils will be returning to full time, face to face school on Monday 19 April.

The return to school will be very similar to pre Christmas Covid protection measures with the addition of full time face mask wearing and recommended twice weekly testing. The following will be in place to facilitate a smooth return to face to face learning:

- All school transport will run as usual with no 1m distancing but pupils will need to wear face masks.
- Pupils should follow their full original timetable.
- Pupils should not enter the school until 8.40am when they should go straight to their period 1 class.
- Everyone in the school, staff, pupils and visitors, should wear facemasks at all times, except for the pupils who have previously notified Guidance of their exemption.
- Pupils do not need to adhere to 2m social distancing in school but it is recommended that they do stay a small distance from each other during social time and where possible in classrooms. Seats in all rooms should not be moved unless at the direction of members of staff.
- Pupils should stay outside at break and lunchtime except during inclement weather, which will be confirmed via a tannoy message.
- The one way system remains in place and should be followed at all times.
- The school canteen will be open at break and lunchtime. It is strongly recommended that parents add money to their children's account online.
- Pupils should spray and wipe down desks before sitting down in classrooms or the assembly hall.
- Everyone should use hand sanitiser when entering and exiting the school and classrooms.
- Pupils are encouraged to wear black and white and comply with the school dress code but we appreciate that this may not be possible for everyone at this stage in the school year and there will be some flexibility.
- If pupils have PE, they should come wearing PE kit, as changing rooms may not be available.
- Ventilation is extremely important when reducing the spread of Covid, therefore windows throughout the school will be open. As we are still getting snow, pupils should dress warmly!
- All pupils are encouraged to self test using the lateral flow tests available from reception twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.
- Senior Phase pupils will have study on Tuesday afternoons when they don't have assessments and will be able to sign out at reception to study at home if they wish to do so.

We are all looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school on Monday. This is going to be a very busy term with two assessment windows for Senior Pupils but working as the strong and supportive school community we are, I know that it will be a very successful one.

Yours faithfully

Claire McGonigal

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