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### Reference: Term 3 Arrangements

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Easter and as we prepare to welcome all children back to school on Monday, tomorrow, I write to you to outline our arrangements.

As you may be aware we had our first positive COVID case in a class, before Easter. Thankfully, everyone is okay but it meant that the whole class bubble (children and staff) had to go into isolation for ten days. During this isolation period at least one other member of the bubble tested positive for COVID. These confirmed cases have demonstrated the importance of remaining vigilant regarding COVID-19 and ensuring that all necessary procedures are followed.

As all children return to school for the third term we want to make sure that everyone is able to engage in face to face learning for the rest of this school year. We also want our Primary 4 and 7 families to enjoy the Sacramental celebrations that are scheduled for May without any complications. There is a responsibility on everyone to ensure that we follow the COVID-19 protocols and take all necessary precautions. Please remember that if your child(ren) displays any **symptoms of COVID-19** (*continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste*) they **MUST** not attend school or travel on school transport. Children must also not come to school if a member of their household or someone with whom they have had a **close contact** is being tested for COVID19. It is preferable that a child misses one or two days rather than a whole group of children and adults having to isolate for 10 days.

The arrangements for all children returning to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April will be as follows:

1. **School will open at 8.30am** and all children should leave their bags in their cloakroom and go to their designated play area. We are not permitted to offer a Breakfast Club as the Department of Education has informed schools that they must be paused until further notice. As soon as we can offer this service we will.
2. **School transport (face coverings must be worn on school transport) and dinners (Menu is on the school website) will be available for all children.** Please ensure that dinners are paid in advance and via ParentPay.
3. **All children must wear full school uniform** although we realise that some children may have grown out of their black shoes/runners so other footwear is permitted. Please ensure that all items are labelled, especially jumpers.
4. **Homework** will return to normal this week for all children. It will follow the same format as term one with work being sent home on Monday and returned on either a Thursday or Friday, as set out by the class teacher. Please ensure that your child reads or is read to regularly as reading is so important to every child's progress. Athletics/Mathseeds activities will continue to be set for children each week.
5. **123 Club** will be available for all P1-P3 children. Please email the school ([info@ourladys.tullysaran.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ourladys.tullysaran.ni.sch.uk)) to make a booking or call the school office and pay via Parent Pay. 123 Club is £3 per child daily.
6. **Parents/Carers leaving or collecting children from school must wear FACE COVERINGS on the school grounds and ensure that social distancing guidelines are followed.** Please avoid gathering at the school gates and remember to drive and park safely around the school grounds. Our carpark will continue to remain closed as we use this area as a play area to ensure all children are able to play in their class bubbles. O'Connells GAC, have permitted staff to park in the club grounds and we greatly appreciate the club's support. Outside the school can be very congested at drop off and collection times so we would encourage parents/carers to park in the area in front of the GAA



grounds and walk children down to or from school. Please be respectful of local residents' properties and do not turn in peoples' driveways.

7. **Collection times and arrangements will be as follows (Please note the change to P4 & P5 time):**

<b>Class(es)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Arrangements</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	Children to be collected from the front foyer.
<b>Primary 1</b>	<b>1.55pm</b>	Children to be collected from the front foyer.
<b>Primary 2</b>	<b>2.05pm</b>	Children to be collected from the Primary 2 door at the rear of the school <i>(Please take care as we are putting up a new shed).</i>
<b>Primary 3</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Children to be collected from the front of the school.
<b>Primary 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>2.50pm</b>	Children will be walked to the area outside the school kitchen where they can then walk to the school gate to meet parents/carers or to an agreed collection point. Children with older siblings in P6/7 or who are travelling on the bus will be supervised until 3pm.
<b>Primary 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	Children will be walked to the area outside the school kitchen where they can meet younger siblings, walk to the school gate to meet their parents/carers or to agreed collection point.

*We have changed the Primary 4 and 5 collection time to reduce congestion around the school at 3pm. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.*

I must inform you that if a child displays COVID19 symptoms in school **(continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste)** we will isolate the child in a designated area (child will be supervised by an adult) and contact parents. You must then follow PHA guidance. If someone in a class bubble tests positive for COVID-19 we will send out a text message as everyone within the bubble will have to isolate for a minimum of 10 days. The school will then contact PHA for further guidance and letters will then be posted on our school website, outlining the isolation period. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and you have plans in place to deal with such an event. I would also encourage you to download the school website app if you haven't done this yet. Instructions are available on the website.

Before Easter, all families received a copy of, 'Celebrating Heritage in the area of Tullysaran & the Civil Parish of Eglis in County Armagh', which were donated to the school by the Tullysaran Area Heritage Group. They also donated a cheque of nearly £1200 towards school funds which we are incredibly grateful for and will put towards a specific project in the school. The Heritage group has concluded their work and I am sure you have all enjoyed the opportunity to read about the history of our school area and many of your family links. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to commend the Heritage group for their splendid work and brilliant book. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Primary 7 pupil, Luca Donnelly, who raised an incredible £3866 for 'Blossom Children and Young People's Centre, Craigavon Hospital. Luca was able to present the staff of the hospital with a gift bag for each child that was spending Easter in hospital, cups for the parents' kitchen and treats for staff and anyone who may have to spend time in Blossom in the coming weeks. Well done Luca for your tremendous effort and energy; your whole family and everyone who supported this appeal.

Please contact the school if you have any further queries or suggestions. We will be arranging information nights via Zoom for our Sacramental classes and P6 (post-primary transfer arrangements for next year) later this month. Thank you to everyone who completed our remote learning survey before Easter we will issue an overview of the feedback in May. Thank you also for your anticipated co-operation with the above arrangements and we look forward to all children returning to school for the final term of this school year.

Take care and all the best,

Tomás Mc Kee

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