



30/6/20

Dear parent/s,

RETURN TO SCHOOL

With regards to our return to school in the 2020/21 academic year we are in a difficult position to explain specific arrangements, as the guidance issued by DE is changing so often.

Currently, the latest DE guidance requires that classrooms **should** have 1m distancing between children and 2m between the children and their teacher/classroom assistant. Obviously this has a huge impact on normal schooling in terms of accommodating full class returns and will result in part time schooling. However, we are hoping that DE's guidance is relaxed for schools over the summer months to allow **all pupils** to return to full time schooling.

We feel it is wise at this stage not to commit or plan rigidly for the new term but instead wait until final guidance is forthcoming. This guidance may not be available until the end of August as the Covid19 restrictions are constantly changing.

As a parent, I can appreciate that clarity is what we all seek and I can assure you that as soon as we are in a sound position to outline definitively what arrangements will be in place in August/September, we will do so.

Based on our current class sizes and making use of available accommodation we can confirm:

- **our P7 class only** will return to school on the **Monday 24th August** on a full time basis. We have no clarity on school meals or transport so the P7 pupils are requested to bring a packed lunch to school on their first day back.
- **P5 and P6** will return to school on **1st September** on a full time basis.
- **P1 – P4** will return to school on the **1st September** but whether it is on a part time or full time capacity cannot be confirmed until the final guidance has been provided. (please note P1 pupils have staggered days for starting school as outlined at the induction meeting)

CONFIRMATION

Good luck to our P7 pupils who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow evening.

HOLY COMMUNION – REVISED DATE

For our current P4 children, the date for First Communion has been confirmed as **Saturday 26th September.**

ONLINE LEARNING

Accelerated Reading will be available until **16th August.** Please note as targets are ending on Tuesday 30th June, it is only available for completing quizzes and accumulating word counts.

Active Learn (Abacus and Bug Club) is available all summer.

We have registered for continued free access to Renaissance MyOn over the summer. Login details have yet to be confirmed – we will send out a text when we receive them. (*reminder: this programme can be accessed via the online learning link on the homepage of the school's website.*)

THANKYOU

On behalf of the whole school staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for your ongoing support throughout the school year. Since March it has been a very challenging time for our whole school community and we have all missed the social interactions with the children and the relationships we develop on a daily basis. In conclusion we extend our best wishes to you and your family for the summer and hope that we all return safely to something resembling normality in the new school term.

Many thanks,

Louise McKnight