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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to have received confirmation from the Department of Education that all pupils from P4 to P7 will return to full-time face-to-face teaching from Monday 22 March 2021. Pupils from P1-P3 have already returned to school and will remain in school for face-to-face teaching. It is important to remember that Covid-19 has not gone away. As always, Health and Safety is our number one priority. The measures that we employed pre-Christmas will resume:

- During morning drop offs, we ask that parents do not exit their vehicle unless absolutely necessary
- Staff will greet their pupils at the main gate each morning and guide them through their assigned entrance
- At home time, you may stand by your vehicle and staff will see the children out. If
 you need to exit your vehicle, or if you walk to school, please ensure that you are
 wearing a face covering and keep a 2-metre distance from others at all times
- Parents are reminded that they should not congregate at the school gates or in groups on the school site
- Everyone entering the school will sanitise their hands
- Children will wash their hands on arrival and frequently throughout the school day
- Protective bubbles will be used throughout the school day
- Movement around the school will be limited
- There will be designated areas in the playground for break and lunch
- Parents/carers will be contacted immediately if their child is feeling ill
- Your child should only bring a break/lunch box or bag, a water bottle and a coat
- School bags are not required and there will be no written homework this week
- Pupils should wear PE uniform on days when PE is timetabled
- P1-P3 pupils will finish from 1.50 2pm, P4-7 pupils will finish at 3pm. Class departures will be staggered as they were before Christmas

These steps are vital to protect your child, our staff and the wider community.

Please do not send your child to school if your child, or anyone you live with, has a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste. If your child or anyone in your household has any of these symptoms you should get a test for Covid-19.

Breakfast Club and 2-3pm Kids Club will not resume until after the Easter holidays – as directed by DE. Cooked break and school dinners will be available. Dinners can be ordered at a cost of £2.60.

Children will finish for our Easter break on Friday 26th of March at 12pm. This will be a non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1 per family to go towards school funds. Term Three will begin on Monday 12th April.

As always, if you need to contact me directly about any of the above, please contact me at school using the contact details listed above. The staff are really looking forward to having all of our pupils back in school on Monday morning. Once again, thank you for your fantastic efforts in supporting your child during remote learning.

Yours Sincerely

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Mr A Beacom

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