

20/2/2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and the children had a relaxing mid-term break. I am sure that many of you were glad to have a break from home learning. Once again, I would like to thank you and the staff for the wonderful job you are doing engaging the children in remote learning and well done also to the pupils for their commitment.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, the Education Minister Peter Weir issued guidance regarding the re-opening of schools.

He stated that

- Children in P1-P3 would return to school for face to face teaching from the 8th March to the 19<sup>th</sup> March. (School will be closed 17<sup>th</sup> March for St Patrick's Day)
- From 22<sup>nd</sup> March to the Easter break, children in P1-P3 would return to remote learning to enable post primary school pupils to return to face to face teaching.
- Pupils in P4-P7 will continue with remote learning until the Easter holidays.
- Schools will remain open for children of Key Workers or vulnerable children.

Schools are still waiting on official confirmation and guidance from the Department of Education. Once I have received this I will provide you with more information.

Staff have been preparing additional Home Learning packs for the children. Workbooks have been prepared for two weeks for pupils in P1-P3 and five and a half weeks for children in P4-P7.

**Packs for children in P1, P2, P3, P5 and P6 should be collected on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February between 11.30 and 12.30.**

**Packs for children in P4 should be collected on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February between 11.30 and 12.30.**

They should be collected from the classroom apart from the following classes/year groups.

1. P1 Mrs Donnelly and P2 Miss Cushenan's packs to be collected from KS1 assembly hall.
2. P3 Mrs Carroll and Miss Casey's pack to be collected from the middle room on the P3 floor.
3. P5- Miss Mc Laughlin, Miss Hughes and Mr Hackett's packs to be collected from the foyer outside the main office.

Thank you

Mrs Boyd