Monday 17th August 2020

Dear Parent,

I trust that you had a very enjoyable summer break and had the opportunity to enjoy the summer holidays despite the incredibly unique situation that we find ourselves in. The purpose of this letter is to provide all parents with updated information on the return to school following the information that was issued by Mr Peter Weir, from the Department of Education, on the 6th August 2020 in which he has revised the situation regarding the opening of schools. (Please note that I will issue the usual start of year note to inform you of wider school issues when all the children return to school.)

*The Department have now decided to bring all children back to school on a full-time basis but making appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety and welfare of the children and everyone within the school community.*

Considering the above we will be operating staggered start and finish times for all our children. If children have older siblings, they can come to school with their younger siblings if the parents are not able to facilitate the times noted below.

**Timetable in Operation for Monday 24th August to Tuesday 1st September**

Starting Dates for all pupils

• Primary 7 pupils are starting school on the Monday 24th August. During August, their school day will run from 9.00am to 12noon

* On Thursday 27th August and Friday 28th August all pupils in the **RED BUBBLE** will be in school.
* On Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st September all pupils in the **WHITE BUBBLE** will be in school.
* PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF ACCESS POINTS AND TIMINGS.
* No school dinners will be available during this time period.

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| Timetable in Operation for Monday 24th August to Tuesday 1st September | | | | | | | |
|  | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6/P7 | P7 |
| Start time | 9.00am | 8.45am | 9.00am | 8.45am | 9.15am | 8.45am | 9.00am |
| Access Point to school | Main School Pedestrian Entrance. | | Gate beside staff car park entering the school via the staff door | | Gate beside staff car park entering the school via the senior playground | | |
| Finish time | 12noon | 11.45am | 12noon | 11.45am | 12.15pm | 11.45pm | 12noon |

**Timetable in Operation from Wednesday 2nd September until further notice.**

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| Timetable from Wednesday 2nd September until further notice. | | | | | | | |
|  | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6/P7 | P7 |
| Start time | 9.00am | 8.45am | 9.00am | 8.45am | 9.15am | 8.45am | 9.00am |
| Access Point to school | Main School Pedestrian Entrance. | | Gate beside staff car park entering the school via the staff door | | Gate beside staff car park entering the school via the senior playground | | |
| Finish time | 12noon | 1.45pm | 2.00pm | 1.45pm | 2.15pm | 1.45pm | 2.00pm |

Please note that school dinners will be served from this date. Further details will follow.

During the school day the school will also operate protective bubbles for break time and dinner time to ensure that the children have minimal interaction outside their own immediate class.

Later this week further communication will be forwarded to parents in respect of arrangements. Please keep an eye on Facebook for updates. If I can provide any further clarity regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your understanding in these difficult and unprecedented times.

Yours Faithfully

IR Mullen