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Parental Update 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Dear Parents,

Next Monday will be a very special day for us as we will joyfully welcome our Nursery classes and P1 - P3 pupils back to school.

If any parent is anxious about the return and needs to chat with me, please send me an email on [mmonaghan771@c2kni.net](mailto:mmonaghan771@c2kni.net) and I will call you.

**NB It will be very important** that parents inform us immediately if anyone in their family has tested positive for Covid within the last 10 day period. We also remind parents that we respectfully ask that they wear masks when on school premises.

**1. Return to school update:**

**Arrangements for P1, P2 & P3 pupils - repeated from last week.**

We plan to have school running as it had been in term 1 for Nursery & P1-P3 pupils when they return. That means that:

- Early morning supervision will be in place from 8.15 ( P1 - P3 pupils only)
- School meals will be available as required - please book via Money App.
- School uniform/tracksuit will continue to be worn on alternative days
- No schoolbag arrangement will remain in place
- Requirements for parents to wear masks on school grounds and to observe social distancing will remain.

Doors will be as they were

Mrs Mc Parland - P1 @ 1.50

Mrs Cribbin- [P1@1.55](mailto:P1@1.55)

Miss Mackin P1@ 1.50

Mrs [Keenan-P2@2.00](mailto:Keenan-P2@2.00)

Mrs Kearney/Miss Mc Namee- substitute teacher-P2 @ 2.05

Mrs Tierney-P3 @ 2.05

Mrs Browne-P3 @2.10

Miss Duffy - P3 @ 2.15



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### **Arrangements for P4-P7 pupils attending Supervised Learning.**

**A)P4 & P5** pupils will enter by the middle door- Door D -and will make their way to Mr Clarke's classroom. ***This is a change.***

### **B)Dismissal-**

P4 & P5 pupils will be dismissed from the main school gate at 2.30 (Unless they have left earlier with younger siblings)

P6 & P7 pupils will be dismissed from the pedestrian, (side) gate at 2.30 (Unless they have left earlier with younger siblings)

### **2. Message to parents of P7 pupils:**

Reminder- the online application process for Post Primary places is now open and will close on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Again I urge you to contact me if you need assistance.

Please note - The principals of the primary schools have been in contact to explain that they will **not** require letters from primary principals confirming 'eldest child status' to support applications. Initially some had been asking this, but they have realised that this was an error.

### **3. Thank you for the World Book Day photographs, they are gorgeous!**

I spoke to the children about reading and their favourite books. I asked them about their reading habits including reading in bed at night. Most said that they prefer to watch TV or play with their tablet in bed. I know that it is very difficult to change this habit, but your child would gain so much from winding down in bed at night with a book rather than screen time.

### **4. Lent-** additional posts are available on the website for this week. There is a lovely one about making your own prayer space at home. If you and your family do this could you possibly send a photograph to the school website [stclaresabbey@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresabbey@gmail.com) we would love that.

### **5. I was very happy to see some 'News from home' photographs posted on the website, it would be lovely to see more. It is wonderful to see what everyone is getting up to.**



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Have a lovely weekend. I say a huge thank you to Nursery, P1,P2 & P3 parents for engaging so well in Home Learning and good luck to P4 - P7 families who need to persist with it for another while.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan.