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Parental Update 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

I am sure that those of you who have been working at Home Learning with your P4 - P7 children will be pleased to have them return to school next Monday- we are delighted and think that it will be a great opportunity to get the pupils used to being back to school before the end of Term 2. If the return works as smoothly for our older children, as it has with Nursery to P3 pupils, they will be settled swiftly and it will be as if they have never been away. That is my hope.

News for this week:

1 Thank you to the families that donated Kitchen roll this week. Can I ask parents of older pupils to do the same if possible? **Our hand soap supplies are also running very low, so I would welcome any donations with open arms.** We do not need any other items at this time - Thank you.

2. I remind parents of the Uniform supply that we have in case any of our older pupils have outgrown uniforms during closure.

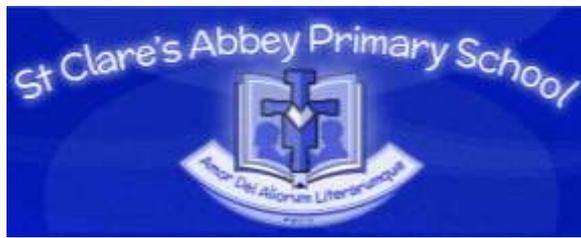
3. **I remind you that DE has urged principals to ask parents and other adults visiting school to wear masks. Many people within our school community continue to be very anxious.**

4. Parents are asked to remember the school policy of not parking in school for drop off and collection. During the last few weeks this was relaxed as the car park was never full, however from Monday we will be back to having all staff in school and **parents CAN NOT park on the premises.**

5. **Parent Teacher meetings will be taking place next week via telephone call, please refer to your child's Seesaw for your appointment time and date.**

6. We have heard that Churches will be opening soon. With that in mind we are **hopeful** that the date for Confirmation of 23rd April may proceed, but finer details re time etc will follow, as we may need to have separate ceremonies per class. Hopefully the same will apply to First Holy Communion dates in May.

7. Return to school update:



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We plan to have school running as it had been in term 1 for P4 - P7 pupils when they return. That means that:

- Early morning supervision will be in place from 8.15
- School meals will be available as required
- School uniform/tracksuit will continue to be worn on alternative days
- No schoolbag arrangement will remain in place
- Lunch/ snack should be brought to school in disposable wrapping
- Dismissal times from school gates will be as they were:

Mr Byrne	P4 - 2.20
Mr Clarke	P4 - 2.20
Mr Hillen	P5 - 2.30
Mr Digney	P5 - 2.30
Mrs Mc Veigh	P6 - 2.40
Miss Rocks	P6 - 2.40
Mrs Mc Parland	P7 - 2.50
Miss Mc Coy	P7- 2.50

I conclude by hoping that you enjoy your weekend and can look forward happily to Monday. We will welcome the children back with care and commitment as we know that they and you, their parents, have had to deal with more than we could ever have envisaged having to ask of you. Your effort has been incredible.

I am privileged to be yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan.