



Ballykeel Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that you and your family are keeping well. I am sure you have heard that the Executive has decided that P.4 to P.7 children can return to school next Monday 22nd March. We are really looking forward to seeing them all again. Thank you for all that you have done to support your child/children during this prolonged period of closure.

P.4 to P.7 CHILDREN COMING IN AND GOING HOME

P.4 to P.7 children will come in to school and go home in the same way as they did before Christmas. **In the mornings** between 8:45 and 9:15 at the latest, P.4 children enter the grounds through the side gate behind the youth centre and P.5 to P.7 children enter the grounds through the side gates at the canteen. **Going home** P.4 children finish at 2:45 and will leave school through the main gates, P.5 children finish at 3:00 and leave school through the main gates, P.6 children finish at 3:00 and leave school through the canteen gates, and P.7 children finish at 3:00 and leave school through the side gates at the youth centre.

****Please note that all adults on the school premises, and outside the gates, should wear a mask unless medically exempt.***

DINNERS

Next week Nursery to P.3 children will continue to be offered a hot meal in the canteen. All P.4 to P.7 children will have a packed lunch. If you wish to purchase a packed lunch for your child, you can so through ParentPay as usual. The hot meals rota and menu for after the Easter break will be sent to you through the website app and email next week.

MILK

Milk will not be available next week. All parents who paid for milk for the past term have been refunded. Milk for the period 12th April to 28th June is **£10.64**. This can be paid up to 12:00 midday on Friday 26th March through ParentPay as usual.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close **at the usual times** for all year groups on Friday 26th March and reopen again on Monday 12th April. Friday 26th March is a non-uniform day.

P.4 to P.7 RETURN OF PACKS

On Monday 22nd March please send in the pack and all reading books with your child. Please also send in the pack for next week (Mon 22nd to Fri 26th March) as the children will be using these in school.

Whilst the return to school is a positive step for our children, please be assured that the classes will continue to operate in their protective bubbles, and all intensive handwashing and cleaning routines remain in place.

Yours sincerely,

Principal: Mrs S. Sheeran, B.Ed.(Hons), P.G.Dip.Ed, M.Ed.

