



## Parent/Guardian Update – August 2020

7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

You will be aware of a further update from the Minister of Education since my letter to you on Wednesday. The contents of his announcement can be read [here](#).

This update provides some clarity around important areas such as transport and school meals, as well as an expectation that schools aim to return to full-time provision for all pupils from August 31<sup>st</sup>. As you will know, it has been our intention for some time to ensure our children were able to return on a full-time basis.

After consultation with the Board of Governors, it has been decided to proceed with our original plan for returning to school. The most crucial factor in this decision is that we believe strongly that it is in the interests of all pupils, staff and families for our return to be phased to allow adequate time for all of us to transition to the new arrangements for the school day.

In light of yesterday's announcement, the following additional arrangements can be confirmed:

- The dates for children to return remain the same with all children to return on a full-time basis on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If you did not receive a text message informing you which group your child is in (Y2-Y7 parents only), you should contact the school office from 9am on Monday morning.
- All classes will operate as 'bubbles' with mixing of children kept to an absolute minimum.
- School meals will be available for all children who wish to receive them from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Children attending school in week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August must bring a packed lunch.
- The school bus service will return as normal from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. It will not be available for children attending school in week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August.

All other arrangements remain as previous outlined over the summer at this stage. When the updated Education Restart guidance is published by the Department of Education, it will be considered by the Board of Governors and further changes made, where appropriate.

As outlined in my most recent letter, you will receive more specific communication from your child's class teacher on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. It is your responsibility to ensure that your contact details are up to date so you can access that information.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Regards

S Spillane

Principal

