



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued patience and understanding during these challenging times. I have attached some important information regarding the phased return of pupils in P1-P3 and our arrangements for this.

On Thursday 19th February 2021 the Executive agreed to a phased return to full time face-to-face teaching for certain pupils. This means that all P1 to P3 pupils should return to school on Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March. P1 to P3 pupils will then return to remote learning the week beginning 22nd March until the start of the Easter holidays. This is to allow Year 12 to Year 14 pupils to return to school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your input with your child's remote learning work. With some pupils returning to school, hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. I hope that after the Easter holidays, we will see a return to school for all pupils in some capacity. I will keep all parents informed of any new information as and when I receive it.

I can't wait to see P1 to P3 pupils in school on Monday 8th March. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions about the attached information or if you simply want a little chat.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Mr A Scott

Principal

The information has been split into three sections:

1. Information for all parents (P1-P7): **page 2 and 3**
2. Information relevant for only P1-P3 parents: **page 4**

Key Information of all pupils (P1 to P7)

P1-P3 Pupils

P1 to P3 pupils will return to school on Monday 8th March – Friday 19th March. P1 to P3 pupils will then return to remote learning for the week beginning 22nd March until the start of the Easter holidays. Home time for these children will be at 2pm each day.

Remote Learning (P4-P7 Pupils)

P4-P7 will continue to engage with their teacher each day through Class Dojo.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Emergency childcare will still be provided in school for the above children until Friday 26th March (except for Wednesday 17th March). Applications for childcare close at 3pm on the Thursday of the previous week. The link for these applications will be posted on the School Story on Class Dojo each Wednesday morning.

Composite Class

The Department of Education and the Education Authority have informed us that P4s who are part of the P3/P4 composite class **cannot attend** with P3s as part of the P3 restart. This means that P4 pupils are not yet allowed to return to school.

Mrs Hunter will be face-to-face teaching P3 pupils in school for the two weeks (Monday 8th-Friday 19th March) with the support of a student teacher. She will also continue to work with P4 pupils online. Please be mindful that feedback through Class Dojo may not come immediately- thank you.

AQE/ GL

If P6 pupils return to school after Easter, Mr Scott will be running a Transfer Test Club for P6 pupils throughout the third term. This will coincide with practice papers in school. If P6 pupils do not return to school after Easter and have to continue learning remotely, then we will look to organise remote/ online transfer preparation work. We will keep parents informed with details when we receive it.

St Patrick's Day

School will be closed on Wednesday 17th March. There will be no face-to-face teaching or remote learning assigned on this day.

Survey

A link to a survey regarding Remote Learning has been posted to the School Story on Class Dojo. Your participation in this quick survey would be greatly appreciated as it provides the school with valuable feedback that can be used in the future.

Easter Holidays

School will be closed for all pupils Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April (inclusive) for our Easter break. There will be no work uploaded to Class Dojo for the two weeks. There will be no emergency childcare provision provided during these dates.

Contacting School

If you have any questions regarding school work please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or contact the school and speak to Mr Scott (Principal) or Mrs Murphy (Secretary).

Key Dates

Monday 8th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Tuesday 9th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Wednesday 10th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Thursday 11th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Friday 12th P1-3 in school Childcare available WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE Treat Your Mum Day
Monday 15th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Tuesday 16th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Wednesday 17th SCHOOL CLOSED	Thursday 18th P1-3 in school P4-7 remote learning Childcare available	Friday 19th P1-3 in school Childcare available WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE Step into Spring
Monday 22nd All pupils: remote learning Childcare available	Tuesday 23rd All pupils: remote learning Childcare available	Wednesday 24th All pupils: remote learning Childcare available	Thursday 25th All pupils: remote learning Childcare available	Friday 26th Childcare available WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE Easter Activity

Key Information for P1 to P3 pupils for Monday 8th to Friday 19th March

Absence

If your child is going to be off school for any reason, it is vital to inform the school immediately via Class Dojo or by contacting the school directly.

School Transport

The school bus will be in operation for pupils from 8th to 19th March.

Arrival and Pick Up Times (Monday 8th March- Friday 19th March 2021)

Arrival for all children in P1 to P3 is 9am. Pick up for all children in P1 to P3 is 2pm.

Children will continue to use the separate doors that they used during last term to enter and exit the school building. Parents should maintain a 2m social distance from one another at the school gate.

Break, Lunch and Hot Meals

The children will play in designated areas of the playground at break and lunch times.

We are continuing to encourage healthy snacks for break and lunch time. We would also encourage children to have a bottle of still water to sip throughout the day. Please ensure the bottle is labelled.

Hot meals will be available from Monday 8th March for pupils in P1 to P3. Please refer to the school website for next week's menu. Meals cost £2.60 per day (£13 per week) and should be paid each Monday.

School Uniforms

Children will continue to wear their school uniform each day.

School Bags

Children should not bring a school bag or a pencil case to school at this time. All stationery will be provided for your child in school.

All children in P1-P3 should bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of anti-bacterial wipes with them on return to school. These will be kept in school.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Following Department of Education guidance, the Breakfast Club and afterschool activities will not be available at this time.