



# STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from today's announcement all primary school children will return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Please find attached some important information about the school's arrangements for the return to school:

## **St Patrick's Day**

School will be closed for **ALL** pupils on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. No remote learning will be provided.

## **Arrival and Pick Up Times (W/B Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021)**

Arrival for all children is 9am. Pick up for children in P1-3 is 2pm. Pick up for children in P4-7 is 3pm. **From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April P3 children will also stay in school until 3pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

Children will continue to use separate doors to enter and exit the school building. These doors will be the same as the doors that they used during last term. Parents are reminded to maintain a 2m social distance from one another at the school gate. If a parent needs to enter the school building, face coverings must be worn (unless exempted to do so).

## **School Transport**

Each morning, two bus runs will be in operation beginning at the following times:

<b>First Run (P4-7 pupils only)</b>	<b>Second Run (P1-3 pupils and older siblings)</b>
Stop 1: 8.15am Stop 2: 8.20am	Stop 1: 8.45am Stop 2: 8.50am

## **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. If your child is absent from school because they are self-isolating the class teacher will continue to provide remote learning during this time.

## **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 should bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of anti-bacterial wipes. These will be kept in school.**

### **Breakfast Club and Afterschool Clubs**

In line with Department of Education guidance, there will be no Breakfast Club or Afterschool activities at this time.

### **P6 Transfer Club**

After Easter, Mr Scott will be running an afterschool club for children in P6 who are planning on completing the AQE/ GL tests. More details of this will be announced after the Easter break.

### **Break and School Dinners**

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 this bottle is labelled.

Hot school meals will be available. These should be paid for at the beginning of each week. School meals cost £2.60 per day and a menu is available on the school website. Alternatively, children can bring their own packed lunch.

### **School Uniform**

Full uniform must be worn by all pupils each day.

### **Children Experiencing Symptoms**

Any children who are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms should not be sent to school. If symptoms develop in school, we will contact a parent or guardian to collect them immediately. Please continue to follow PHA guidance on self-isolation. More information can be found at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating>.

Children who have recently travelled outside of Northern Ireland (this includes travel within the Common Travel Area) are required to complete 10 days self-isolation on their return to Northern Ireland. More information on this can be found at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-within-common-travel-area>.

As a school, we are all really looking forward to welcoming back all pupils to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the input with your child's remote learning work this term. As I receive more information about the return to school, I will keep parents informed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, thanks for your continued support,



Mr A Scott

Principal