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New Academic Year 2020/21

Further to my previous correspondence and following the Department of Education (Education Restart – Publication of ‘New School Day’ Guidance) we wanted to provide you as parents with the most up to date information that we can provide surrounding the beginning of the new academic year in August.

There are several plans in place for the new academic year depending on how the guidance and advice changes. At present we feel it would be counterproductive to provide full details of these plans as they are likely to change significantly before school begins but we do want to offer you some clarity around start dates and important details on school duration etc.

We are in a position at present to facilitate all pupils starting school for the full week and full duration of a ‘normal’ school day. There will be some adjustments (ranging from minor to significant) about how school will operate e.g. drop off, collection, lunches, classroom location, homework etc. but more information on the operational logistics will be communicated to you during the week beginning 17th August 2020.

Start dates will generally be as previously advised in the holiday list 2020/21 with a few amendments.

**** During full week beginning 24th August, pupils will be in school between 9am – 12noon ****

Monday 24th August P7 Pupils (9am – 12noon)

Tuesday 25th August P7 Pupils (9am – 12noon)

(P1 pupils and their parents have the opportunity to visit school during Tuesday and Wednesday at a time of their preference between 9am and 12 noon. This will allow them the opportunity to meet their teacher and see the new surroundings prior to officially starting on Thursday)

Wednesday 26th August P7 and P3 Pupils (9am – 12noon)

Thursday 27th August P7, P3 and P1 Pupils (9am – 12noon)

Friday 28th August All pupils P1-P7 (9am – 12noon)

Monday 31st August Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September P1 (9am – 12noon)

P2 and P3 (9am – 1.45pm)

P4, P5, P6 and P7 (9am – 3pm)

****Fun Club and Homework Club are available from Tuesday 1st September- More details on booking system and limits on numbers will be communicated during week beginning 24th August****

Arrangements are in place to facilitate pupils being 'dropped off' in school from 8.30am and these will be communicated closer to the time

P1 Pupils

9am – 12noon (First two weeks of school beginning Thursday 27th August)

9am – 1pm (For two weeks beginning Monday 14th September)

9am – 1.45pm (Beginning 28th September. P1 pupils can then avail of Fun Club and Homework Club)

An updated version of the 2020/21 Holiday List is available on the school website.

We appreciate that this information will not answer all your questions surrounding the new academic year but it will hopefully provide you with some certainty regarding start dates and allow you to begin to make necessary arrangements with work etc. As previously mentioned we will provide more communication in the week beginning 17th August with more detailed information about how the guidance will affect the school day operationally. At that point you will also receive information regarding 'SeeSaw' which will be the primary means of communication between school, pupils and parents moving into the new academic year.

The work to create detailed plans drawn up to cover multiple scenarios have been ongoing since Easter and we thank all those individuals, agencies and groups who have been involved. A particular mention should be made to the Presbyterian Church in Coagh who continue to support the ongoing work at Coagh Primary School and their contribution to the planning for the next academic year has been invaluable.

We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your continued support and understanding during the last few 'challenging' months and to wish you a peaceful and safe summer. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school during the week beginning 24th August.

Yours sincerely,



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