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Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all P4-P7 pupils back to school with P1-P3 (already settled in well) on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**.

Arrangements will be exactly as they were in Term 1:

- Use allocated class drop off time and correct gate of entry (see times in **Appendix 1**).
- Please be punctual and don't hang around the school entrance.
- Adults are encouraged to wear a mask if standing outside either school entrance.
- Children must wear **full school uniform** – grey trousers/grey skirt, grey tights or long white socks, white polo T-Shirt, school sweatshirt and black shoes/trainers. Please ensure you have a warm coat as all PE will be outside and we will be making as much use of our outdoor space as possible.
- Children should bring their blue wipeable folder (or similar alternative – NO bulky school bags/backpacks) and no other items – including toys - from home.
- School Dinners, healthy break and milk are available for **all** children. Please print and complete the Money Wallet sheet or copy the details, sending the correct money in a sealed, labelled envelope or clear wallet. A copy of this and a uniform order form (if needed) was posted on class Seesaw pages. Remember even if your child is entitled to a free school meal, the healthy break (prepared scone, pancake, toast or fruit) must be paid for at a cost of £1.50 per week and milk 50p per week. Dinner menu is published on our school website and FB Page.
- After Easter, we hope to 'go cashless' for school dinners and break. (Further details later).
- School buses will operate at the usual times and face masks must continue to be worn on buses at all times.
- Each child requires their own stationery, sanitiser (as in September) and we would greatly appreciate if each family could donate an anti-bacterial soap dispenser as stocks are low.
- For next week there will be no Early Morning or After School Clubs as stated in the Department of Education's Restart Letter published. This will be reviewed after Easter when we hope to have football and golf after school as well as some coaching expertise during school hours too.

Remember, the more vigilant we all are in following Covid protocols, the safer we will all be in school and we will greatly reduce the risk of a return to home learning for individual classes. If a pupil or member of staff contract Covid, we will continue to follow DENI and PHA direction which is for all those in close contact with the person to self-isolate for 10 days.

Stay Safe everyone and see you **all** on Monday!

D. Hutchinson  
Principal

## **APPENDIX 1:**

### **Starting Times:**

Primary 6/7: Gate 2 at 8.30am

Primary 5: Gate 1 at 8.30am

Primary 3/4: Gate 2 at 8.35am

Primary 2/3: Gate 1 at 8.35am

Primary 1: Gate 1 at 8.40am

### **Finishing Times:**

Primary 1: Gate 1 at 1.30pm (Mon – Thurs)

Primary 2: Gate 1 at 1.25pm (Mon – Thurs)

\*(Mrs Megaw's P3 class only) home at 2.25pm – (Mon-Wed) and 1.25pm on **Thursday only** this week

\*(Mrs McIlwaine's P3/4 Class) Gate 2 at 2.25pm – (Mon to Thurs) and 1.30pm for **P3 only on Thursday** this week

Primary 5: Gate 1 at 2.30pm (Mon – Thurs)

Primary 6/7: Gate 2 at 2.30pm (Mon – Thurs)

**\*NOTE:** School will close at 1pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March (with classes leaving staggered from 1pm) for **all our pupils** and re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The school bus and lollipop lady will also be available at 1pm.



From all the staff of Hamiltonsbawn Primary x