



Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Re-opening of School for Term 2

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and new year. As previously explained, the Education Minister announced last week that schools are to remain closed until Monday 11th January to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Schools have been instructed to remain open for the supervised learning of vulnerable children, and for the children of key workers who are unable to source childcare elsewhere (vulnerable category and key worker list available on the school website – 'Parent Area' / 'School Letters').

Supervised Learning

Parents must notify me by 6pm this evening if they feel that they qualify for this service so that supervision can be arranged – smone720@c2kni.net. Please note that this will be supervised learning as opposed to face-to-face teaching. Children attending will complete the same work as that sent home via the Seesaw app for home learning as set by your child's teacher. The school will be open from 9am on Thursday and Friday for those booked to attend. Children must wear their school uniform and bring a snack and packed lunch. P1-3 children will be collected at 1.50pm. P4-7 children will be collected at 2.50pm.

Home Learning

Home Learning will take place via the Seesaw platform. Your child's teacher will explain the tasks that can be completed from 9am on Thursday morning via the app, and your child can submit their work for marking when completed (we hope that children and parents are familiar with the platform at this stage – please contact the school should you experience any technical difficulties). We understand the difficulty that home learning can present in a busy household and we do not want parents to feel under pressure to complete all tasks set by your child's teacher. We are here to support you in whatever we can during school closures.

Full School Return

We hope to see all children back as normal on Monday 11th January as planned. If the Minister announces any changes to this date, I will notify you as soon as possible. In the event of this happening, we will continue with our home learning and supervised learning as explained above.

Breakfast Club / Transfer Club

Breakfast Club will begin next Monday at 8am as normal. Transfer Club will also begin at 8am (in the event of a prolonged closure, papers will be made available via email).

Covid-19 Protocols

It is very important that we focus on all safety protocols as we return for Term 2. Social distancing must be adhered to when dropping-off and collecting children from the car park. Children must be kept safely in your car or by your side if you are waiting on another sibling to leave the school grounds. Please encourage good hand washing and hygiene as always. New guidance instructs that all in-depth meetings with parents must be facilitated remotely (please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher via telephone at any time throughout the term).

Pencil Case Top-Up

Please ensure to check with your child if they need to refresh their pencil case items (markers / pencils / glue sticks etc).

Primary 3 Parents

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Miss McGeary this week as she will be taking-up a new post from next Monday. We thank Miss McGeary for her fantastic work throughout Term 1. Miss McKee will take the Primary 3 class until Mrs O'Lone's return.

I will write to you next week with details on upcoming events / French lessons / milk orders / PE day changes etc. I will also update you as required should there be any changes to the current situation.

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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