

Education Resources

Executive Director Tony McDaid Cairns Primary School Helen Gillan – Head Teacher

19th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following Tuesday's announcement by the First Minister, I am delighted to be able to welcome our nursery children and P1-3 pupils back to the school building from Monday 22nd February 2021.

Our P1-3 children will return at their normal times and at their normal gates. P1m, P2 and P2/3 have a 9.00am start and finish at 3.00pm P1L and P3 start at 9.10am and finish at 3.10pm.

We ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant and mindful of social distancing when dropping off and collecting their children. Face masks must be worn by all adults at these times. We thank you for your help and support as we work together to keep ourselves safe and our school open. We can only do this if community transmission levels continue to fall and remain at a manageable level. Please help us to achieve this by adhering to the rules.

In school, pupils will remain within their class 'bubbles' as before for playtime and lunch time. We have our enhanced cleaning systems across the school and ask for your help in limiting the spread of the virus by being vigilant to any Covid 19 symptoms being displayed by your child or any member of your family. If your child



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is displaying any symptoms or appears unwell, please do not send them to school. Please get them checked by your GP or book a Covid Test.

Please remind your child that they should only bring their school bag, and packed lunch bag, to school and **must not bring any toys** to school. As was the situation before Christmas, all resources will be supplied for children in school. PE will be taken outside, so if you have taken home any of your child's outdoor clothing to wash, please ensure you return it with them on Monday. If anyone requires any help with purchasing outdoor clothing, please contact me at the school. All matters will be treated confidentially. We know these are difficult times and we are here to help.

Our P4-7 pupils will continue with their online home learning in the meantime; however, we are very hopeful that we will soon see their return to the building to complete our 'Cairns Family'!

There will be no major change to the arrangements for P4-7 online learning and I would encourage you to continue to support your children with this as you have been doing so wonderfully since the start of January. Our P4-7 staff continue to support the work in our school hub as well as planning and providing work for their classes. On days where staff are working in school, we will maintain our 2 online hours and our online provision, however staff may not be able to provide feedback until the end of the day.

We are all very excited to see our younger pupils on Monday and I am also looking forward to meeting some of our P4-7 pupils online next week. Thank you all once again for your continued support. I very much hope this is the first step in returning to some sort of normality for us all and I really look forward to the day when I can welcome you back into the school building to celebrate our wonderful pupils and their learning.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school by telephone, or email, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or well-being.

Kind regards,

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