



# St. Paul's N.S.

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are delighted to be opening the school again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March to welcome back our Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Pupils. We are hopeful of a return to school for all other classes on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, depending of course on case numbers and advice from the Department of Education at that time.

The Government have updated the Covid Response Plan with regard to returning to school, and have asked us to draw your attention to Section 5. This can be found on our school website. You will also find links to wellbeing resources for parents to support their children.

With regard to opening on Monday, we would ask that books for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes only be returned to the school tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, between 9.30am and 11.00am. Please put your child's books in a plastic bag clearly marked with their name, and leave them in the box which will be at the front door of the school. Books for pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes should be kept at home, as work will continue for these classes.

Parents will also be required to sign a Parents Declaration form for all pupils returning to school on Monday. A copy of this is available on our school website, and hard copies will be available at the school on Friday morning when books are dropped off. Please return this form on Monday with your child. Unfortunately, we will be unable to allow pupils to return to school until the form is signed and returned.

The procedures for arrival and dismissal times will remain as before. Please note that there will be no homework assigned to the pupils in the first two weeks of returning to school.

We would also advise parents at this time that all communication with the school should be by telephone or email only. If you are collecting your child from school early, we would ask that you notify your child's teacher and the school office by email. Please wear a mask when coming to the school door to collect your child.

We would also ask that parents do not congregate at or outside the school gate, and maintain social distancing at all times.

We look forward to seeing the pupils on Monday at 9.20am.

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Rory O'Donnell