



# St. Paul's N.S.

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Pupils have now settled back into school and we are delighted to have received confirmation from the Department of Education that the next phase of opening can proceed as planned.

We therefore look forward to welcoming back our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. With regard to this opening we would ask that books for these pupils be returned to the school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March during school hours. 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.

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 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 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.

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 weeks before the Easter holidays.

We would also remind 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 again remind parents that there should be no congregating at or outside the school gate, and to maintain social distancing at all times.

We look forward to the opening of the school to all pupils on Monday at 9.20am.

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**Rory O'Donnell**