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Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Next week will see the return to school of our Nursery- P3 classes; which I am sure we are all looking forward to after this period of remote learning. At present, guidance outlines that these classes will have face-to-face teaching from 8th- 19th March, 2021. This will be followed by 1 week of remote learning before we break-up for Easter.

In preparation for next week, below you will find just a few reminders to help with the return.

- As in the first term, children will have staggered start and finish times:

Start Times:

A-F: 8:50am

G-J: 8:55am

K- McL: 9am

McN- R: 9:05am

S-W: 9:10am

Finish times:

Nursery finish at 11:30am and will be released to parents/ guardians as previously.

P1H: 1:45pm

P1/2B: 1:50pm

P2F: 1:55pm

P3H: 2pm

- Children from P4-7, coming to school for supervised learning, should arrive at the main entrance at 9am as they have done throughout remote learning.
- Children should bring a healthy snack to school for break as usual. School meals will be available for P1-3 during the two weeks and the dinner menu is now on the school website for information.
- Packed lunches may be sent to school in a washable, plastic lunchbox.
- Children should avoid bringing any other items into school.
- As previously, we will continue with the measures which were established in term one, i.e. attention to good hygiene practices and regular handwashing routines, ensuring class bubbles are maintained and consistent and continuing with cleaning regimes throughout the school.

As a school, our priority for the children is to focus on their health and wellbeing, re-establish the routines and structure of the school day and enable as much social interaction as possible, with their classmates and teachers. We intend to focus on play-based learning activities, re-establish friendships and allow the children to talk and share their experiences of remote learning. We want the children to have fun, enjoy the school day and re-connect with others. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back and hope they are excited too!

For **parents and guardians**, we ask that everyone dropping children to school and collecting will please attend to essential measures, i.e. please ensure **face-coverings are worn on school grounds, that social distancing is practised while waiting**. If we all attend to these measures, we continue to reduce the risk of transmission and keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Principal.