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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

Visit the New School

On the last day of the previous term, we held tours of the new school. We hope those who were able to participate enjoyed their visit.

Congratulations to all those who won prizes in our [Easter Raffle](#). Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets. *An incredible £1184 was raised for the Ukraine Appeal.*

Updated COVID Guidance

At the end of the last term updated COVID guidance was fundamentally updated to reflect the new Department of Health **Test, Trace and Protect Transition Plan**. This plan “reflects a move into a phase where we learn to live with COVID while seeking to protect the most vulnerable in society”.

Below you will find some key changes to the guidance, as it impacts school activities:

- School arrivals and home times will no longer employ the use of staggered times. At Braidside times are as follows:
Breakfast Club: 8:15am
Reading Club: 8:40am
General arrival: 8:50am (using KS1/2 entrances)
Hometime for P1-3: 2pm
Hometime for P4-7: 3pm
- Schools are able to host both outdoor and indoor gatherings e.g. school concerts, sports days, open days, etc. and should follow mitigations including ventilating indoor spaces, use of face coverings by visitors.
- Schools are able to host school assemblies but should continue to consider and manage the risk of transmission
- Schools are able to host face-to-face meetings/ events with parents and visitors subject to appropriate mitigations in place. However digital alternatives remain available should schools wish to utilise this approach
- Personal hand and respiratory hygiene remains a fundamental aspect of preventing transmission and should be maintained.
- During a period of particularly high case numbers schools may consider short term alternatives to the hosting of some gatherings.
- Maximise the use of outdoor spaces
- All visitors to the school are encouraged to wear a face-covering.

- Schools do not need to restrict access to things being brought into or out of school premises.
- If anyone displays any of the identified symptoms of COVID in school, they must be sent home and are advised to follow NI Direct guidance. Schools should record such actions and request that a parent, carer record their acknowledgement of this action.
- Both day and residential educational visits are able to take place.

With this new guidance now in place, we look forward to hosting some events through this term .e.g. Shared Education visits, Sports' days and Leavers' Assembly.

As always, please continue to visit the school website regularly for class and school updates, dinner menus and calendar events.

School will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the May Day Holiday.

Yours faithfully,

_____ *J McAuley* _____

Principal