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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we get closer to the full restart of our school year, it is with increasing excitement and anticipation that we as staff are looking forward to hearing our school building filled with the sound of our pupil's voices once again. They have truly been missed! We have been delighted to not only welcome Primary 7 children back to school this week but a new member of staff to Straid Primary School- Mrs. Davies. We wish her well as she begins her time in the P5/6/7 classroom, and very much look forward as both pupils and staff to benefiting from her previous experience and expertise.

In more good news, Miss Barr has announced her engagement to her boyfriend and now fiancé Sam over the summer break. We as a school wish them both many blessings as they prepare for their wedding celebration together over the coming months and as they look forward in anticipation to their 'big day!'

We as a school have been fortunate **not** to have to change many of our previous arrangements sent out to you in the parent booklet at the start of July. All arrangements will be kept under review in timescales already indicated as we as a school continue to adapt to the ever changing situation of COVID-19.

The following are a few points of clarification:

- 1) There will be no change to school meals provided for school at this stage. The arrangements remain the same (packed lunches to be brought by all children except children receiving free school meals who will receive a school packed lunch (After completed risk assessment). These arrangements will be reviewed by the catering team in conjunction with school on Monday 21st September. It is hoped that we will be able to offer school meals to the rest of the school community at this stage. However, further risk assessment will need to be completed in order to decide whether the meal will be a hot dinner or cold packed lunch.
- 2) Parents are asked to park in the church carpark and walk their children to the gate for handover at drop off/pick-up times every day. **No car should be parked on the Irish Hill Road at any time until further notice.**
- 3) **All parents must also accompany their child(ren) to the appropriate gate for medical questions with staff.** This is important to enable us as a school to confirm the health of each child as they enter. All staff will also complete a symptoms and temperature check every day in line with pupil procedures.
- 4) Parents must not enter the school gate unless previously arranged with the principal and in compliance of the following rules:
 - Face masks must be worn,
 - Social distancing must be adhered to,
 - One-way systems must be followed,
 - Hand sanitising must be completed.

Delivery of post or packages will also be completed at the school gate by a member of staff. No delivery personnel will be allowed access to school grounds at any time.



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- 5) After completion of a risk assessment, no outside companies or groups will be meeting in the school grounds until further notice. This will be kept under review.
- 6) School Transport will be running for Straid Primary school pupils from Tuesday 1st September. Please see the Q&A's document (on both school website and Facebook page) sent by EA to answer any questions that you may have.
- 7) Keep an eye out on both the school website and Facebook page over the weekend for the P1/2, P3/4, P5/6/7 first day videos. Our thanks go to the Primary 7 children who have helped Mrs. Boyd in making the videos for each class. Their expertise was greatly appreciated!
- 8) Also on the school website is a Parental Letter and Education Restart leaflet for parents sent from the Education Minister. It would be greatly appreciated if you could read these documents carefully and follow the advice given.
- 9) School will be closed on Monday 31st August for the bank holiday and will re-open on Tuesday 1st September to all pupils.
- 10) Please note that contrary to the previous correspondence Primary 1 children will be picked-up at 12.00pm (Not 12.30pm) for the month of September and then at an allocated pick-up time thereafter. (Pick up times for Primary 1 will be communicated to parents towards the end of September). Apologies for my mistake!**

Finally, may I wish both you and your family a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend and look forward to Tuesday 1st September when we see everyone again!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Boyd