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### Partial Return to School March 2021

The NI Executive recently announced the return of P1 – P3 pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There has been much rumour and speculation but at this stage it is initially for a period of two weeks. We are super excited at their impending return but our P4 – P7 teachers are a little bit green with envy. We hope it won't be long until we see this group back with us as well.

With the P1-P3 return in mind, we have drawn up some protocols to see us through until Easter. Please read all information carefully. For keyworkers and vulnerable children, there is no staff cover available until 9:00am. Children should not be on site until this time. **Cool Kids continues** to operate and should be booked as normal.

As in August, our focus as a school will be on rebuilding relationships, reengaging children in school routines and providing wide and varied positive experiences for all. We will be optimistic in our outlook, positive in everything we do and look forward with renewed vigour to watching our pupils flourish. Outdoor learning, play and art will be core elements of our return to school and these pursuits will see our children rebuild relationships with their classmates teachers thus increasing their ability to learn. As stated back in August, there will be no talk of 'missing out' or 'catching up'. There is little value in referencing such negative terms.

### P1 –P3 plus keyworkers and vulnerable child category

#### DROP OFF POINTS

YEAR GROUP	TIME	DROP OFF POINTS	CAR PARK
P1	8.45AM – 9AM	P1 CLASSROOM SIDE DOORS	BACK CAR PARK
P2	8.45AM – 9AM	P2 MOBILE FIRE DOORS	BACK CAR PARK
P3	8.45AM – 9AM	P3 MRS GOULD'S SIDE DOOR	BACK CAR PARK
P4 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	9AM – 9.30AM	FRONT DOOR	TOP OF LANE
P5 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	9AM – 9.30AM	SIDE DOOR AT MRS GARTLAN'S ROOM (TOP OF PLAYGROUND STEPS)	TOP OF LANE
P6 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	9AM – 9.30AM	SIDE DOOR AT MS KITT'S ROOM (OPPOSITE MOBILE)	TOP OF LANE
P7 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	9AM – 9.30AM	FRONT DOOR	TOP OF LANE

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- \*\*\* P1 & P2 children ONLY can be accompanied by an adult
- \*\*\*There can be no key worker children on site until **9am**
- \*\*\*If key worker children in P4 – P7 have a sibling in P1 – P3, please do not arrive in school until 9am
- \*\*\*There is no adult supervision for children key worker children on site until 9:00am



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## **PICK-UP POINTS**

<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CAR PARK</b>
P1 MRS MCMANUS	1.30PM	TOP OF LANE
P1 MISS BEATTY	1.30PM	BACK CAR PARK
P2 MRS CRILLY	1.40PM	BACK CAR PARK
P2 MISS MCANERNEY	1.40PM	TOP OF LANE
P3 MRS GOULD	1.50PM	BACK CAR PARK
P3 MISS CLARKE	1.50PM	TOP OF LANE
P4 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	2PM	BACK CAR PARK
P5 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	2.10PM	BACK CAR PARK
P6 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	2.20PM	BACK CAR PARK
P7 KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN	2.30PM	BACK CAR PARK

### **Homework P1-P3**

In the weeks up until Easter, we will not be giving out written homework for P1-P3. This is a time when children and parents need to sit down and chat about their day, to read a book or to play some simple number games and puzzles. Reading, however, will obviously remain a key focus.

### **Keyworkers**

As has been stated before, we are heavily subscribed in most year groups and would impore you only to use keyworker provision if absolutely necessary. We appreciate the difficulty with childcare arrangements that the partial return presents but we must also ensure the health and safety of all children and adults in our keyworker bubbles.

### **School Meals**

The school canteen will be open for P1 – P3 pupils but must be booked online as usual. (Menu to be confirmed)  
P4 – P7 pupils should bring their own packed lunch.

Any further developments in relation to the return to school will be communicated to you as quickly as possible. The onset of Spring, a spell of good weather and the prospect of our P1, P2 and P3 pupils coming back has certainly lifted the mood this week. We thank you for your tremendous support throughout this latest lockdown.

Regards,

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