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24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

To begin with, as we approach a return to school for some year groups, I wish to extend sincere thanks to the teaching and support staff for their tremendous efforts in supporting the children with remote learning alongside supervised learning in school and the care of their own families.

I also extend congratulations to the pupils for how well they have engaged with remote learning and thanks to you as parents for supporting your child with their learning.

Moving forward, the Minister has announced that Nursery to P3 pupils will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for two weeks until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. (Remembering school closed for St Patrick's day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) They will then return to remote learning from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until the Easter holidays, which for us will be until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. (Finishing on this day at 12 noon)

Assume that at the point of reopening, school dinners and the school bus will be available for those who need these services and we will work with school times as they were in the first term. Children may continue to wear school sweatshirt and polo shirt with leggings /joggers.

P4 - P7 pupils are to continue with remote learning until the Easter holidays.

**IMPORTANT-** This is the case at the moment and has been confirmed in writing today from the Department of Education but following the comments made by the First Minister on Monday evening, may change. You'll hear no doubt through the media first but after confirmation to school, updates will be placed on our website at [www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk)

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P6 Transfer - when I have the final number of children who will be completing the AQE preparation and the practice test order has been placed, I will upload the payment request to 'School Money.' Mrs Thompson will let you know via Seesaw when this will be.

P7 - remember the portal to apply for a secondary school place opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March and closes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

And finally, I implore all parents to adhere to all Government regulations regarding contacts, social distancing, isolation etc. We want to keep children in school!

Yours sincerely,  
Pauline McAlister  
Principal