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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

I understand many parents are anxious about sending their children to school at this present time. The education climate is changing on a daily basis. I will endeavour to keep you up to date with any information I receive. Please be assured that we are constantly reviewing our risk assessments in light of local guidance and changing circumstances. We have sent out a form asking parents to confirm if they are key workers so we can make plans in the event of a school closure. We are just preparing for every eventuality. We would appreciate it if you could complete the form by Thursday please.

### Attendance

The Department Of Education has asked all schools to communicate the following with parents. There is an expectation that unless your child is ill or self-isolating, they should be attending school. Remote learning will only be provided by teachers for those who are self-isolating due to legal guidelines.

### Special Educational Needs

For those children who are awaiting an assessment by a specialist from a multi support agency, we have been informed today that face to face assessments have been put on hold and will be rescheduled. If any parent needs to discuss the matter further please contact me.

### Individual Photographs

Usually at the start of every academic year, the children have the opportunity to have their individual photographs taken by a professional photographer. Due to safety restrictions this was postponed until this term. Procedures are in place so this can be done safely. On this occasion, family photographs will not be permissible. These will take place for individuals on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### School Dinners

For those parents wishing to pay for lunches via Parentpay, this term's options are now live.





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### Parent Consultations

As a school we realise how important it is for you to know how well your child is progressing in school and what their next steps are. This is particularly important when parents do not have the usual opportunities for informal drop ins or to take part in our sharing learning sessions. Therefore we will be holding another parent consultation this term. Dates will be communicated in the forthcoming days.

### Safer Internet Day

This year it takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and the national theme is "An internet we trust; exploring reliability in an online world." The children will be addressing online safety in class and it is a good opportunity to address this issue with children at home.

### Dates For Diaries

18<sup>th</sup> January - Individual photographs  
TBC- Parent consultations

Regards,

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