



Hezlett Primary School

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P1 – P3 RESTART INFORMATION

Dear Parent

26/02/21

We are delighted to be welcoming your child back to school on Monday 8th March. The staff would like to thank you for your help in guiding and keeping your child on task over the prolonged period of online learning, as well as your efforts in keeping connected with the class teacher.

As we return to the classroom, we ask that you talk positively to your child about being back in school. Please avoid language such as ‘catch-up’, or ‘missed work’. This can put unnecessary stress on children who may be worrying about return to the classroom. They will make up for lost time, but the emphasis in these two weeks is to re-establish friendships and connections in school, to promote wellbeing, to revisit school routines and safe behaviours and to give opportunity to engage in activities with increasing concentration. There will be no formal homework activities during this period, as pupils readjust to the school timetable.

Please return all homework folders, reading books, magnetic letters and other resources sent home. Remember that pupils do not need a schoolbag but should bring these bulkier items in a plastic bag on the first day back. They should have a coat with them daily, regardless of the forecast.

Our school meals kitchen has now reopened. Your child will need their lunchbox (plastic) or should bring money for school dinners. A snack box of toast and fruit will be available at break time for 50p or just toast for 30p. Food will continue to be served in the classroom.

The yellow bus is available in the morning only. Please contact school to arrange pick-up.

School will be closed all day on Wednesday 17th March for St. Patrick’s Day. We have been waiting to hear if DE are going to change arrangements to allow P1-3 to remain at school from 22nd March, rather than return to remote learning. Unfortunately, to date we have heard nothing. If remote learning is resuming on 22nd March, then staff will need some time to prepare. School will close for P1-3 on Wednesday 10th March at 1.00 pm, and on Thursday 18th March at 1.00 pm to give the three teachers some time to put together packs which will go home with your child on Friday 19th March. These early closures will not be necessary if pupils are to remain in school until Easter.

There will be a pastorally focused Parent/Teacher meeting by telephone in the week beginning 22nd March. Please email your child’s teacher to register your interest and give a preferred telephone number. The teacher will then contact you with a day and time.

Yours sincerely

Donna Winters