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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to thank you for your support and understanding during the recent period of school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over these past few months we as a staff and you as parents have been learning to adjust to a new type of education. It has been especially difficult and disruptive for our pupils who have missed the school routine and the social aspect of school. Through it all I am certain that it has been our shared priority to minimise any negative impact of school closure on our children's learning and emotional wellbeing.

I would like to pay tribute to all staff and especially the teachers, who have worked so hard over these past weeks to keep teaching and learning continuing at home through an online approach. I would also commend you as parents for your effort and commitment to home schooling which has been a source of encouragement to us. I am confident it will have instilled good self-discipline and study skills in our children which will benefit them in the future. Hopefully they will all look back on this period in a generally positive way.

Our preparation and planning for the new term is beginning to fall into place and I would like to assure you that the staff and Governors will have the safety of everyone in our school community as our guiding principle. We intend to keep our class structures as before which will allow us to keep our class sizes manageable.

As you will already know DE guidance is for P7 pupils to return from 24 August with the rest of the school returning in September as normal. I would ask you to check our website on a regular basis for more detailed arrangements regarding the return to school in late August / early September. I feel it is too soon to outline definite arrangements as we are still in a fluid situation.

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We are now delighted to have two stockists of our school uniform namely Saints and Scholars in Newry and Forsythes in Kilkeel. The PTA also have some sweatshirts in various sizes for sale through the school office.

As a staff we would like to congratulate our P7 pupils, who all received places in the secondary schools of their choice. We wish them every success as they move on to a new chapter in their lives. Hopefully we will catch up with many of them later in the summer to say a proper goodbye. We are delighted that Confirmation has been arranged for Tuesday 11th August at 7 pm in The Star of the Sea, Rostrevor.

We look forward to welcoming a full intake of pupils into P1 for the new term and can assure their parents that we will do our utmost to make this transition a happy, positive and safe experience. We will be in touch regarding a staggered intake which is our normal practice.

Finally, it remains for me to wish you a pleasant summer break. I trust we will be able to enjoy some relaxation after what has been a stressful period for everyone.

As soon as I have any definite details about the return to school I will be in touch and I look forward to seeing you all again when school resumes.

Yours faithfully

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