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Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration

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Dear Parents,

On this the first day of 2021, can I begin by wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Following Minister Weir's announcement yesterday regarding updated restart plans for the new term and guidance received last night, I wish to provide information for next week. The guidance from the Department of Education notes that ***"unfortunately the deteriorating nature of the epidemic and the risks to public health has necessitated these much more substantial changes"***. Furthermore, schools are informed that the EA will issue operational guidance and the DE other guidance in January 2021.

Parents should note the following points:

- School was due to re-open on Tuesday 5th January
- Children in P1 to P7 will be taught remotely until 8th January 2021. The first day of term (5/1/21) will be used by teachers to plan for remote learning and this will then commence on Wed 6th Jan. (Please note the Remote Learning Policy is available on the school website).
- Nursery will open as planned on Tuesday 5th Jan for all those children.
- School will be open to accommodate supervised learning for the children of key workers and vulnerable children from Tues 5th Jan. In order to access this supervision parents should make contact with the school by Mon 4th Jan, in order that plans can be arranged. Definitions of key workers and vulnerable children are attached for your information. Parents can make contact in 2 ways:
 - a. Via school email (info@braidsideintegratedps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk) or
 - b. By telephoning school (25647899) on Monday 4th Jan between 10am and 2pm.

It is essential that parents contact the school in one of these 2 ways to discuss accessing supervised learning for their child/ children.

For those children who meet the definition of vulnerable, contact will be made with families to discuss availing of supervised learning.

- Face-to-face teaching for all year groups is scheduled to recommence on Monday 11th January.

I hope that all our school families have remained well over the holiday period and that you continue to do so in the weeks ahead. As always, ensuring the children's continued education and the health and safety of everyone at Braidside is paramount.

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Principal