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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 Parent/ Guardian,

As you will no doubt have heard, P4-7 will return to school next week on Monday 22nd March 2021. We are delighted and excited to welcome all the children back to school, in their classrooms, with their friends and teachers. I am certain parents and children will be glad to have a week in school, that will allow them to settle, interact with others and participate in activities, before we break up for Easter.

In preparation for next week, below you will find just a few reminders to help with the return.

- As in the first term, children will have staggered start and finish times:

Start Times:

A-F: 8:50am

G-J: 8:55am

K- McL: 9am

McN- R: 9:05am

S-W: 9:10am

Finish times for P4-7:

A-F: 2:40pm

G-J: 2:45pm

K-McL: 2:50pm

McN-R: 2:55pm

S-W: 3pm

- As previously, we will continue with the measures which were established in term one, i.e. attention to good hygiene practices and regular handwashing routines, ensuring class bubbles are maintained and consistent and continuing with cleaning regimes throughout the school.
- School meals will be available from Mon 22nd.
- Packed lunches may be sent to school in a washable, plastic lunchbox.
- Children should avoid bringing any other items into school.
- On days when classes are participating in PE, they may wear appropriate PE clothing and footwear to school.

As a school, our priority for the children is to focus on their health and wellbeing, re-establish the routines and structure of the school day and enable as much social interaction as possible, with their classmates and teachers.

On Monday Children should bring back all their home learning packs, together with all resources (reading books, text books, etc.) as well as their box files which contain their stationery supplies. Children should also ensure they have tissues and individual hand sanitiser.

For parents and guardians, we ask that everyone dropping children to school and collecting please attend to essential measures, i.e. please ensure face-coverings are worn on school grounds, that social distancing is practised while waiting. If we all attend to these measures, we continue to reduce the risk of transmission and keep our school community safe.

Class teachers will continue to communicate with the children using their class Teams and any further information for their particular class will be shared there.

There is no doubt this has been a challenging time for everyone engaged in remote learning. Thank you for your cooperation and engagement; we are incredibly proud of the work the children have done and their resilience. Thank you for your support these past months. I look forward to welcoming you all on Monday morning!

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. M. Staley", is written over a horizontal line.

Principal.