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Principal: Mrs G Hay B.Ed. (Hons.) PQH

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Dear Parent,

I hope you and your children enjoyed a relaxing half term holiday.

I am sure by now you have heard of the announcement from the Minister with regards to P1-P3 returning to school.

Working on this information, the plan for our school is as follows:

1 st – 5 th March	<p>All pupils are taught remotely through Google Classroom and use supplementary paper packs (these were provided on Monday 22nd February).</p> <p>School remains open for children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable Children. These places must be booked in advance via the online form sent out weekly through the School App.</p>
8 th – 16 th March	<p>P1-P3 return to school (9.15am – 2pm)</p> <p>P4-P7 are taught remotely through Google Classroom and use supplementary paper packs (these were provided on Monday 22nd February)</p> <p>School remains open for P4-P7 children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable Children. These places must be booked in advance via the online form sent out weekly through the School App</p>
17 th – 19 th March	School is closed for the St Patrick's Day Break
22 nd – 31 st March	<p>All pupils are taught remotely through Google Classroom and use supplementary paper packs (these were provided on Monday 22nd February).</p> <p>School remains open for children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable Children. These places must be booked in advance via the online form sent out weekly through the School App.</p>
1 st – 9 th April	School is closed for the Easter Break
12 th April onwards	P1-P3 return to school (9.15am – 2pm)

	<p>P4-P7 are taught remotely through Google Classroom and use supplementary paper packs (these will be provided after the Easter Break)</p> <p>School remains open for P4-P7 children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable Children. These places must be booked in advance via the online form sent out weekly through the School App</p>
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The Minister has stated that a full return of pupils can be expected as soon as practically possible after the Easter Break.

As ever, the above information is subject to change reflecting Executive announcements.

I appreciate that this is a very difficult time for everyone. We will do our utmost to support our pupils in school and those at home.

I urge you to only use Keyworker and Vulnerable Children Support when you have no viable alternative, as communicated by the Minister, to help keep numbers in attendance as low as possible until we are able to facilitate a full return.

All of us here at DPS, and no doubt you at home, truly hope not to see another lockdown. We want to welcome our pupils back to school as soon as we can and hopefully for the full remainder of the academic year.

This has been a 'long slog' for us all. We now need to see it through to the end so we can get to the brighter times ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs G Hay

(Principal)

