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Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our amazing pupils who have settled back in to school life so well. The children are being very understanding about their bubbles and very sensible about all the additional handwashing requirements.

I would also like to give a special mention about our superb staff who have, as always, gone above and beyond the line of duty to make school as happy and productive a learning environment as possible whilst still following DE and PHA guidance.

Also, to you our parents, thank you so much for your patience and during these early days of restart. We also appreciate very much sensible approaches to safety by wearing facecoverings and keeping children off school when they are unwell.

As we approach the winter season it will be even more important for us to keep up all of our safety precautions and to follow PHA guidelines in terms of isolating when required to do so.

In school we have been very busy planning for the resumption of lots of school activities with spelling shed already up and running and homework beginning the week of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. To ensure homework is as safe and manageable as possible we will be running the following repeating cycle:

	Week 1	Week 2
Mrs Connor's class Mrs Timoney's class	Remote homework	Written homework
Mrs McCusker/Mrs Hay's class Mr Potts' class Mrs Young/Miss Sayer's class	Written homework	Remote homework

We have chosen this schedule to, as far as possible, ensure not all children in the same household need a device the same week and for those who have difficulty accessing remote homework there will be written homework the following week. Written homework will have quarantine periods and will be sent home in a folder which can be wiped clean at home.

Remote homework will be set on a Monday and is to be completed by the Friday. Initially it will be through our website, as per lockdown, moving to google classrooms by November. Written homework will also go home on a Monday and will be returned to a box in each classroom on the Friday. Each class will have 1 written literacy and numeracy homework per week plus spellings, tables and reading.

We will be starting Accelerated Reading and Guided Reading in the coming weeks. Children will be asked to sanitize their hands before browsing books and to try their best to limit browsing and choose quickly. They will also use the library 1 bubble per day as below:

Monday – P7

Tuesday – P2/3

Wednesday - P5/6

Thursday – P4/5

P1 will use their classroom library and will not require a facecovering.

If you have any queries or comments please get in touch with your child's teacher in the first instance, by phone or via email or with me via email at [ghay546@c2kni.net](mailto:ghay546@c2kni.net).

Kind regards,

G Hay

(Principal)