



Kilkeel Primary School

EDUCATION AUTHORITY SOUTHERN REGION

Tuesday 30th June 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians

Further to my previous correspondence and with due regard to the pastoral care of our pupils, staff and parents, I would like to share the following with you:

- KPS will open on **Monday 24th August 2020** for a P2-7 induction week which will focus on the pastoral needs of our pupils, their health and wellbeing and the enhancement of a 'reconnect' between pupils and school, helping our pupils settle back into the new school day and the changes to their school environment. Separate information will be issued to new P1 parents and LSC / ASC parents week beginning 17th August.
- Various patterns for reopening are being discussed. However, please be aware that the situation remains fluid and subject to change, if for instance, social distancing requirements are amended. At the moment the plan is for a combination of 'blended learning' within a protective bubble arrangement. This may take the form of half of the pupils in school for face-to-face teaching on Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. Further guidance will be issued week beginning 17th August 2020.
- Arrangements regarding staggered arrivals / collections may be necessary and details will be communicated to you before the start date. All parents will be asked to remain outside the school buildings to reduce footfall and the potential spread of the virus.
- Pupils are asked to wear full school uniform as normal each day they are in school. I would ask you to ensure that uniforms are washed regularly throughout the week.
- Each year group will provide further information regarding school bags, lunch boxes / bags etc. week beginning 17th August.
- Further information on free school meals will be communicated as soon as possible. Please note there will be no school meal provision week commencing 24th August 2020.
- Currently we are waiting on guidance around school transport.
- KPS school staff will be reinforcing the good practice that you are undertaking at home to educate your children in the necessary measures for minimising the spread of the virus e.g. 'Catch it, Bin It, Kill It', thorough hand washing and maintaining social distance.
- Please ensure that you regularly check the school website and Facebook page for updates, as this information is subject to change in light of evolving DE and PHA advice and guidance.

Over the summer I will continue to meet with colleagues to explore how the needs of our pupils will be met and yet remain compliant with DE and PHA. KPS staff will be back in school the week beginning 17th August, and we will communicate more information to you that week.

On behalf of the staff, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and understanding over the past 3 months, and I wish you all a restful, safe and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H McCabe