

**St. Mary's P.S and Cill
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Dear Parent

As we approach the beginning of the new term, I wish to inform you of the start dates for each class. More detailed information will be provided next week on the management of a safe return for all.

Resources and materials

Your child will keep everything that they need underneath the table that they will be working on. It is therefore vital that they do not bring in anything non-essential. This is for health and safety reasons. The space in the classrooms will be at a premium, especially around the children's work space.

- Pupils can wear PE gear for the first few weeks. Teachers will keep their classes informed of when proper uniform is required.
- A fresh uniform each day is no longer a requirement in the guidance, but will remain parental choice.
- Each child will be provided with pencils and general equipment. This will include all of the resources that they need to engage with their learning. We ask for a £5 donation per child (or £10 per family) to cover these additional school costs. This can be paid on return to school.
- The school will also provide a folder for reading books/homework going home. This folder will replace the schoolbag. It should be wiped when it comes home and again before coming back into school.
- Children will need a water bottle which must go home at the end of the day. (The water fountain cannot be used).

The school day

Unfortunately, we are unable to operate our breakfast or minding clubs for the first few weeks. Because we are using a 'bubble' system, staff will remain with the same group of children throughout the day.

Your child will have their normal time allocation for break time. This will be on a staggered basis throughout the school day. Classes will be segregated in the playground. Snack will be provided to Nursery and Foundation classes as before.

Children will be having their break times and lunchtimes staggered throughout the day to avoid bubbles coming into contact with each other. Only two classes at a time will use the canteen and will be segregated. Meals will be as before and September's menu will be available on our website soon.

We are unable to provide any afterschool activities until further notice.

Dates of Return

As per DENI guidance, schools will open the week beginning Monday 24th August. We have decided to use this week to bring everyone back at some stage, to allow pupils to become familiar again with the school setting.

The normal times and routines above will apply on these days.

There will be no dinners available during this week so pupils are asked to bring packed lunch with them.

Mon 24 th	P1 (Miss O Callaghan)	P2 (Mrs Reilly)	P4 (Mrs Lennon)	
Tues 25 th	P3 (Mrs McGivern)	P6 (Mrs Kelly)	P4	
Wed 26 th	P3	P6	P7 (Mr Magee)	P5 (Mrs Kerr)
Thurs 27 th	P5	P6	P7	Yr 8 (Mr Murray)
Fri 28 th	P5	P1	P7	P2

Confirmation

Last year's P7 class will make their Confirmation on Friday 28th August. The ceremony will take place in **St Mary's Church, Granemore at 5pm**. (Not Clady as previously arranged).

Due to restrictions in place, **one seat only** will be allocated per family.

The pupils will have a practice on Thursday 27th August in the church.

More details will follow.

First Communion

First Communion takes place on Saturday 29th August at 11am in St Mary's Church. Only one seat per family will be allocated. It is advised that only parents and siblings of the First Communion children should attend. First Confession will take place in school on Thursday 27th August, during the school day.

More details will follow.

We await further guidance from DENI on other aspects of our return to school. There has been no guidance as yet on transport.

I will be in touch next week to provide you with further details on the restart.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Brenda Casey

