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Important updated information regarding the opening of the new Primary school building and closure of Junior and Infants/Nursery buildings.

Dear Parents/carers,

As a reminder, the new school is due to open to pupils from Monday 19th April 2021. I first informed you of this information via a letter on 25th February but as we move towards Easter I would like to remind everyone of few key dates regarding the end of term and the start of the Summer term. The timings of these have been dictated by the delay to the new school building, and I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

- **Up to and including Wednesday 24th March 2021**- School will be open as normal, all children should attend.
- **Thursday 25th and Friday 26th March** – School will be **closed to all pupils**. This will allow final packing up time and for the furniture/resources to start to be moved from the two sites into the new school. **ALL CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH REMOTE LEARNING FOR THESE TWO DAYS** and are expected to complete this. This will be provided via Class Dojo/Teams.
- **29th March – 12th April** – School is closed to all pupils for the Easter holidays. Work on the new school build will continue throughout and the removal process will continue. Staff will not have access to the new school during this time.
- **12th April to 16th April** – School will remain **closed to all pupils** to allow staff to begin unpacking, prepare classrooms and undertake training ready to receive pupils back into school . **N.B. There will be no provision for remote learning during this time.**
- **Monday 19th April 2021** – School will open to receive all pupils into the new school building.



To give everyone an idea of timings **of the first day** (19th April) the aim is to avoid congestion and get everyone used to the new procedure for drop off and collection.

- Nursery session times will remain the same.
- Reception and KS1 pupils will be welcomed directly into their classrooms from the yards between 8.50am -9.00am and KS2 pupils will use the two entrances at each end of the building between 9.00am and 9.15am.
- School will end at 3.00pm for KS1 pupils and 3.15pm for KS2 pupils.

We will re-assess during the first week before making any decisions on any further staggering to start and finish times for Covid safety reasons. It is hoped these will not be necessary.

A map detailing the locations of car park, entrances, gates, paths, classrooms and entrance doors will be shared prior to the opening of the school in the week beginning 12th April.

Please note the current pedestrian access into the site from Surtees Avenue (junior site) will NOT be open immediately. Instead, a new path is being constructed running along the east side of the site which will allow access from this area up to the main entrance.

We are lucky in that we have a new parent/carer carpark and drop off area which can be accessed from Crowtrees Lane once the school opens. There are a number of disabled carparking spaces in this close to the school entrance. Parents will not be able to access the staff carpark unless by prior arrangement.

It should be noted that the Phase 2 external grounds works will be continuing for at least a year after the opening of the school, so the grounds and external areas will not be completed by April 19th.

Exact details around the logistics of the new school opening will be shared with everyone during the week beginning 12th April. Please watch out for these on the school website, and via email.

Exciting times!

Mrs J Glass