



# GIBSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

We received confirmation from DE that the phased return to school for Year 1 – 3 pupils begins on Monday 8th March. Unfortunately, our Year 4 – 7 pupils have to continue with remote learning.

I wanted to write out to all parents detailing the arrangements we have in place to help ensure this works as well as possible for all our pupils.

## **Year 1 – 3 pupils**

Our Year 1 – 3 pupils should return from 8:30am on Monday 8th March. Class will start at 9am sharp. School dinners will be available for these pupils and should be booked via the School Money App as before. Those not taking school dinners should send in a packed lunch. I will confirm the dinner menu early next week and let you know of any changes.

Homeworks for our Year 1 – 3 pupils will focus on spelling and reading during these two weeks. The current plan by DE is that Year 1 – 3 pupils will then return to remote learning on Monday 22nd March. We will provide a learning pack to every Year 1 – 3 child for that week and teachers will continue to provide instructional videos via Seesaw each day.

## **Year 1 – 3 Finishing Times**

We have changed the finishing times of our Year 1 – 3 pupils to provide as long as possible in school for our pupils and also to reduce the amount of people collecting children at any one time. Consequently, the finishing times for Year 1 – 3 pupils are:

- **Year 1 – finish at 2.00pm as normal**
- **Year 2 – finish at 2.20pm**
- **Year 3 – finish at 2.40pm**

Late class will also be available for £1 per day should you need your child to be kept until 3.00pm. This should be sent to your child's teacher as normal. These later finishing times will continue until we are permitted to have all pupils returning. I will then write out with updated guidance.

### **Year 4 – 7 Pupils**

Our Year 4 – 7 pupils will continue with the online learning via Showbie as we have been doing since January.

We continue to provide supervise learning for key worker children: this will continue when Year 1 – 3 pupils return to school. From Monday 8th March all pupils coming to school will be required to wear **school uniform**, including those pupils who are attending for Supervised Learning.

Unfortunately, DE have instructed that school dinners cannot be supplied to Year 4 – 7 pupils who attend as key worker children. These pupils should therefore bring a packed lunch to school with them.

### **School closures**

Despite only being open for two weeks we will be closed on Wednesday 17th March for St Patrick's Day. This is a statutory holiday and unfortunately we are unable to alter disclosure. We close for Easter on Friday 26th March and reopen on Monday 12th April.

It is my hope that we will be allowed to have all our pupils back on Monday 12th April; however, this remains to be decided. I will naturally keep you informed of any developments.

### **School Car Park**

At long last our car park is currently being redesigned to allow for greater access and additional parking spaces. We will have designated pupil crossing areas and footpaths. However, as work may not be completed before Monday 8 March I would ask that all parents follow the signs and adhere to all instructions when leaving and collecting children.

In the meantime, I want to thank all of you, our pupils and our staff for the hard work, understanding and support given to us through this most challenging and confusing of times.

Yours sincerely

*K. Sterritt*

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