

# Education Services

## Framework for Recovery, Resilience and Re-connection (RRR2020)

23 June 2020

Dear Parents,

I wrote to you at the beginning of this month to update you on what our plans were as we move out of the global pandemic lockdown phasing and promised that I would keep you informed of any developments.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done to help support your child's learning – I know that this has not been an easy task under such a challenging set of circumstances.

Wednesday 24 June is the last day of our school term and I welcome and support the news today by the Deputy First Minister John Swinney who's announced that if spread of the virus continues to be suppressed and that the data and scientific evidence supports it, our schools can be back full time at the start of the new term in August.

This has been what we have been hoping and striving for and do not want our children and young people to be away from the classroom and their teachers for any longer than was necessary.

However, please let me reassure you that our school planning for a blended learning model and social distancing measures are ready if we don't go straight to full time learning in August.

Each school will have communicated their plans of the arrangements in place to their families by now – this is essential work as part of our contingency plans.

The risk assessments and health and safety measures for all of our schools will remain focussed on the key elements that will help us all reduce the risk of the spread of the virus.

This will include regular hand washing, additional cleaning of the school building and observing the current government guidance for schools and nurseries.

Our schools and nurseries will remain in contact with their parents over the summer holidays with any updates and information that they need to share ahead of the beginning of the new term.

Thank you once again for your support during these difficult and challenging few months and hope you have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

Maureen McKenna



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