

31st December 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have had a lovely Christmas together and I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

This morning Education Minister, Peter Weir, has announced that schools will not re-open from 4th January , as planned. This is in light of the current levels of Covid transmission and the rising number of cases.

This is not an extension to the Christmas holiday break. Remote learning will take place from Tuesday 5th January.

All staff will be in school on Monday 4th January to prepare work for the first week. Parents will be able to collect packs on Monday afternoon. Google classroom will also support classes from P4 to P7.

We aim to accommodate our parents who are critical in the fight against Covid-19 and will provide 'supervised' learning for their children from 9am to the end of their school day each day of this first week. It is therefore imperative that we are aware of how many children of key workers will be attending school from Monday morning.

If you are an identified key worker, please contact us by 3:00pm, Friday 1st January 2021, via school email info@stpatricks.magheralin.ni.sch.uk and we will endeavour to support you in your important role.

Please note this 'supervision' is aimed only at **children of parents who are key workers.** **If possible, alternative childcare arrangements should be sought** before deciding to send your child/ren to school.

Kind Regards

Mrs M. McGrath