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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following the announcement by Prime Minister Mr Boris Johnson, this evening, the government believe the five tests are being passed effectively and therefore the country are now moving to the next stage in the release of the lockdown. As a result of this decision, I am happy to announce that St Patrick's Catholic Primary School will begin the cautious, staggered wider opening of the school described in the wider opening offer letter, with agreement at each new stage by the full governing body. We take our health and safety responsibilities very seriously and as such have arranged additional exceptional Full Governing Body meetings over the next few weeks to have a joint decision making process in the journey of wider opening in order to ensure, at every stage we are maintaining the safety of all pupils, their families, our staff and the wider community. To this affect we will begin on Tuesday 2nd June with the two Critical Key Worker groups who will now use the new start, finish times and social distancing procedures so that we can ensure these new procedures are effective at maintaining the necessary social distance and keeping all as safe as possible. There will be an individual letter sent to these families explaining the group their child/children are in and a reminder of the expectations I laid out in the wider offer letter.

I will be sending a letter to the parents of Year 1 pupils on the evening of Thursday 4th June, following the full governing body agreement at the 6:30pm meeting, confirming the arrangements for the start of the wider opening the following week. In the same way I will send a letter to the parents of the Reception pupils on the evening of Thursday 11th May following the full governing body agreement at the 6:30pm meeting, confirming the arrangements for the start of the wider opening the following week. This will include the bubble group your child will be in and the timings of the school day for each bubble group.

From Tuesday 2nd June the school will be on the journey of re-opening school as an educational establishment and not just for childcare and so we ask that the pupils, no matter which bubble group they are in, come to school with their St Patrick's school T-Shirt and school jumper but with tracksuit bottoms or leggings along with trainers so that they are in suitable clothing for the outdoor activities they will all have the opportunities to do each day. We will **NOT** be asking you to send PE kits, pumps or a change of footwear into school as the cloakrooms are not to be used.

Our super caretaker Mr Senior, and his team of cleaners have worked very hard this week ensuring the school building is ready for this next stage and I thank them for their hard work. The staff have also been in school re-organising each of the bubble group classrooms – I once again thank them for their dedication and commitment to our wonderful pupils, for which I am very grateful.

With Kind Regards

Mrs Clare Moulding (Headteacher)

