## **People Directorate**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families.

As part of the measures to limit the spread of infection, the school and Early Years Centre has reopened this week for staff, children of key workers and vulnerable children only to provide essential childcare. On Monday 11th January children of keyworkers and vulnerable children will be supported with learning in school by adults supervising but not directly teaching which is consistent with those children learning remotely from home. At present these arrangements will be in place until at least Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

The children attending school will be able to purchase soup and a sandwich if they are not entitled to a free school meal. All P1-3 pupils are now entitled to get a meal, rather than just those who qualified through entitlement. There will be no breakfast club provision during this time.

All children attending school have been asked to bring their learning packs and login details, issued by their class teacher as they will be supported to complete these activities as well as any online lessons. This will aim to provide all children whether in school or at home with a consistent experience. Each Class Teacher has now issued information to parents/carers and children, about the timetable for learning next week, either online (SEESAW / TEAMS) or in learning packs. Most classes were given their packs prior to Christmas. The Teachers will keep in close communication with all families to ensure that you have everything you require for home learning.

Home learning tasks for each class will vary, but all classes throughout the week will benefit from some live lessons and check-ins with the Class Teacher as well as some independent tasks. We found this approach to be very successful with the P7 pupils during their self-isolation period. I would like to emphasis though that the home learning should be in in small blocks and you should make sure that you your child/children still get plenty of fresh air and exercise as well as being able to enjoy some time away from computers and learning. During the last lockdown some families tried to recreate the school day and this is not sustainable. Be kind to yourselves and do as much as you can manage.

Best of luck next week and please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely

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