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## Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Deputy First Minister's announcement on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020, pupils are now able to return to school full time as part of a class instead of in the small groups we wrote to you about before the summer holidays.

This session, we have had to reclassify the 4 Primary One classes that the children were placed in last year into 3 Primary Two classes. Reclassification occurs at this stage as the maximum class size increases from 25 pupils in Primary One to 30 pupils in Primary 2 and sees the 90 children in this year group reorganised into three classes of 30 pupils. This a necessary change and is to ensure that we have the required number of classrooms and teachers for all pupils as they move through the school from Primary One to Primary Seven.

We understand that your child will be returning to school following a period of considerable change and wanted to reassure you that we have worked hard to minimise any disruption to your child. Children who were in P1a, P1c and P1d will remain in their original class groups but each of these three classes will also be joined by a group of pupils from P1b. The changes to the classes have been made in close consultation with the Primary One teachers who worked with the children last year and we considered a number of factors to make up the new classes. This included curricular working groups, additional support needs, languages and gender. If your child is moving class, we have also used the information provided by parents in June identifying friendship groups to ensure that your child is placed with at least one of their friends.

Last year our Primary One classes worked closely together and shared a playground so many pupils already know children from the other classes. The Primary Two teachers will continue working collegiately to support your child and are also preparing activities to support this transition with a focus on Health and Wellbeing.

Please find below the name of your child's class and the name of their teacher in Primary 2 and the times each class should attend from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August as part of a supported return to school. If your child was in P1b last year you will also receive a message from the school providing information of your child's new class.

	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
	August	August	
P2a Miss Graham	Start 9.10am	Start 9.10am	Start 9am
and Mrs McMath	Finish 2.10pm	Finish 2.10pm	Finish 3.10pm
(Previously P1a + a	·	,	
group from P1b)			
P2b Mrs Park	Start 9.20am	Start 9.20am	Start 9am
(Previously P1d and	Finish 2.20pm	Finish 2.20pm	Finish 3.10pm
a group from P1b)	·	·	-
P2c Mr Grijalba-	Start 9.30am	Start 9.30am	Start 9am
Eguia (Previously	Finish 2.30pm	Finish 2.30pm	Finish 3.10pm
P1c and a group	·	·	
from P1b)			

Mrs McMath will also be teaching P2c for the first two weeks of term.

Children should arrive at school using the gate on Kelvin Way and enter the school from the Courtyard playground. Please note, parents/carers will be able to accompany their child into the playground on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August due to staggered starts and finishes. Please note that from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August parents will not be able to enter the playground with their child and should drop children off at the gate on Kelvin Way where a member of school staff will accompany them into the playground. This is to maintain physical distancing.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school next week.

Yours sincerely

Susan Thomson Depute Head Teacher