

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PRIMARY (Pomeroy) SCHOOL



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Return to school for P4 -P7

We received notification from the Department of Education late on Tuesday evening relating to P4-P7 pupils returning to school. All P4-P7 pupils will return on Monday 22nd March.

School will operate as it did in the first term.

- Please return home learning packs to school tomorrow, Friday 19th March. Do not send these in with your child on their return to school on Monday 22nd March. Activities for the week beginning Monday 22nd do not need to be completed before returning.
- As outlined in previous correspondence, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th March are School Development Days, pupils are not required to attend. Therefore, school will close on Wednesday 24th March at 12 noon for all pupils.
- School Dinners will be available for all pupils on their return to school. Please use the school meal payment sheet (found on school website, under tab 'Parent Area') and ensure correct money is placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly marked. We will not accept a child handing over loose change.
- As usual school pupils will be able to access the school from 8.45 a.m. Please note teaching time begins at 8.55 a.m. Therefore, all pupils should be in school at their desk for 8.55 a.m. These first 5/10 minutes of the school day are very important, as this is when explanations for the morning work are given. It is very difficult to have these repeated, as the class teacher may be working with a small group on another activity. We understand life can get busy at times and situations do arise which leave pupils arriving late to school. We appreciate your support in keeping these to a minimum.
- As before the Christmas holidays, pupils will not be permitted to bring belongings from home to school. Plastic bags should be used instead of school bags. The pencil cases belonging to each child are still at school, however you may wish to top them up

with additional items, for example: pencil, rubber, colouring pencils. These items can be sent in on Monday 22nd March.

We are delighted to have the whole school back on Monday for the first time in three months. We want to keep everyone in school and get back to some sort of normality and routine for pupils. The more vigilant we all are in adhering to covid protocols, the more likely this is to happen. If a pupil or member of staff contracts covid, we have to follow DENI and PHA direction, for all those who have been in contact with the person, to self-isolate for 10 days. This will have a major impact on all those in that person's bubble. By every one of us following protocols, we greatly reduce the risk of any further return to home learning.

Stay safe, everyone, and see you all next week!

Mrs Robinson
