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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a peaceful and enjoyable time over the Christmas holiday and on behalf of the Governors and staff of St Mary's Primary School I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

On New Year's Eve, the Education Minister, Peter Weir MLA announced revised plans for schools re-opening after the Christmas Break following updated advice on the current epidemic, levels of transmission and number of cases. Primary school pupils will be taught remotely until 8th January, after which they will attend school for face to face teaching. The purpose of delaying the return to school is to reduce the transmission of the virus.

Our School is required to follow the revised plans and so on the first day of the normal school term i.e. Thursday 7th January our remote learning will begin. Children should not attend school until Monday 11th January 2021.

The school will accommodate vulnerable children and the children of key workers for supervised learning. If you wish your child to attend school on Thursday 7th January or Friday 8th January please contact the school through info@stmarys.derrytrasna.ni.sch.uk as soon as possible to assist with planning.

We look forward to seeing all our pupils return to school **on Monday 11th January 2021.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Una McAlinden