**10/09/2020**

**Resumption of IFA Coaching**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured additional PE coaching from the Irish Football Association. This will be at no additional cost for all pupils this term.

PE is an integral part of our curriculum, and as research indicates that 52% of children across Northern Ireland are exercising less than pre Covid-19, it is even more important that we are providing high quality PE opportunities for our pupils.

***“Schools will appreciate the positive impact that physical exercise can have on young people’s health and wellbeing. A broad, well-balanced, quality PE programme will support the development of physical skills, thinking skills and personal capabilities as well as improving mental health and emotional wellbeing. Some children may not have undertaken physical exercise for many months and PE may be the only opportunity they are provided for regular exercise.”***

**New School Day – Northern Ireland’s Reopening Schools Guidance (August 2020)**

We have worked closely with IFA to establish robust measures to ensure the safety of your children and to mitigate against the possible spread of Covid-19. *I have attached these additional safety precautions (following letter) for you to read.*

**Some of these enhanced precautions include:**

* Pupils will only be taught in their class bubbles

• Timetable planned with 15 minutes break between each session. This will allow time for Irish FA coach to sanitise equipment.

• Irish FA staff will work in only one school per day. This will reduce number of contacts.

We look forward to welcoming our new coach, Liam, on Tuesday. Pupils should come to school on Tuesday in their **PE uniform**.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me cmintyre65@c2kni.net.

Kindest Regards,

***Ciara McIntyre***

Principal