

Ballynure Primary School

Newsletter

Website Ballynureps.org

4th March 2021

Dear Parent

In order to ensure the safety of pupils we are continuing with the measures which we have in place to help create a safe environment. In doing so, we hope that the risk of transmission of infection is significantly reduced. We ask that all parents respect these measures and children to follow the procedures and expectations carefully.

Please do not send your child to school if:

1. He/she has a high temperature (37.8C or above) a new/continuous cough; or a loss/change in sense of smell/taste
2. He/she or any member of the household has tested positive for Covid-19
3. He/she or any member of the household is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19
4. He/she has been told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace, the NHS Covid App or by school/another organisation and are still within the isolation period

Please ensure you and your child/children adhere to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and he/she has self-isolated in one place for 14 days if he/she has returned from a country which is not on the UK exempt list.

Please inform Mrs Doherty immediately if you are notified of a positive test in your household.

- Pupils will follow social distancing and hand hygiene as in Term 1.
- Pupils P1-P3 should enter the school grounds following the yellow footsteps.
- P4-P7 Key Worker pupils should enter and exit following the red footsteps.
- Pupils should only bring necessary items to school.
- Parents should not congregate in groups in areas immediately outside the school.
- Parents must not enter the school buildings, unless in very exceptional circumstances.
- All visitors must wear a mask and sanitise their hands on entering the school building.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Pupils in P1, P2 and P3 will return to school on **Monday 8th March** for two weeks, P4-P7 will continue to receive remote learning until the end of term, with no change to method or format.

On Monday 8th March P1-P3 pupils should arrive as follows:

Mrs Patrick's P3	9.00am
Mrs Allen	9.05am
Mrs Woods	9.10am

Pick up times will be:

Mrs Woods	1.50pm
Mrs Allen	1.55pm
Mrs Patrick's P3	2.00pm

From Monday 8 March onwards P1-P3 children should;

1. Wear school uniform Monday-Thursday and Fit Friday clothes each Friday.
2. Bring a packed lunch, a break time snack and a filled water bottle.
3. Bring their plastic reading book bag, with their sanitised reading books enclosed along with school text books and jotters.
4. Bring their replenished plastic box of stationery etc. as required by class teacher in Term 1,

~ Replacement plastic school bags are still available for 50p.

~ Any parent wishing to send hand sanitizer with their child should do so.

~ Mrs Patrick's Primary 3 – please bring your reading books, textbooks and jotters.

Key Worker children who are in school from week beginning Monday 8th March start at 9am and finish at 2pm each day. They should enter and exit the school grounds by following the footsteps.

All classes P1-P7 will have remote learning week beginning Monday 22 March – Friday 26 March, followed by a two week Easter break.

We must ask that at arrival and departure times you remain at the school gate for as brief a time as possible, wear a face mask and adhere to the social distancing rules.

PRIMARY 4 – PRIMARY 7

Work packs are available for collection **tomorrow** between **11am and 1.30pm**.

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| Primary 4 | Return reading books in a clearly named bag. |
| Primary 5 | Return reading books in a clearly named bag. |
| Primary 6 | Return reading books in a clearly named bag. (no other books or booklets). Do not return class novel. Packs will include some AQE papers for those who have purchased them. |
| Primary 7 | Return class novel (Under the Hawthorn Tree) and your recent reading book in a clearly named bag. Packs will contain a protractor and compass; these will be collected when you return to school. For Literacy work you will need an inky pen (not a biro). These are available in all supermarkets and newsagents. |

REMINDER - KEY WORKER CHILDREN

Please advise school, via email to myself (edoherty598@c2kni.net) and cc to Mrs Nugent (rnugent346@c2kni.net) **before 1pm tomorrow** should you require your child to be in school next week, so class numbers can be confirmed well in advance of Monday morning. Thank you for your co-operation.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 4 March

The staff of Ballynure Primary School have recorded a video of them reading 'The Wonky Donkey'. The video is available on Seesaw and on the school website. Watch it and listen carefully to the person telling each part of the story, can you figure out which person is your teacher? Mrs Nugent? Mrs Doherty? There are 11 adults in the video so write yourself a list of the numbers 1-11 and get your thinking cap on.

Answers will be revealed on Seesaw tomorrow morning.

Children are usually given a £1 book token in school, this year that isn't possible so the charity have provided a link from which you can download a £1 book token:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Any child in Primary 1 – Primary 3 who is entitled to a free school meal and would like to order one for returning to school next week, can you please advise Mrs Doherty, edoherty598@c2kni.net and cc Mrs Nugent rnugent346@c2kni.net before **10am tomorrow** morning, thank you.

SCHOOL MILK

Please note that there will be **NO** school milk available. Children attending school should bring a full water bottle. There will be no drinking fountain due to Covid-19

EANI

EANI have requested that schools remind parents and carers of the following organisations.
Childline is a service provided by NSPCC. Childline 0800111


Parentline provides advice, support and guidance – a helpline for all parents and carers.
Parentline 08088020400 (freephone)

POST PRIMARY TRANSFER

The application process for P7 children transferring to post primary school in September 2021 has moved online. You can apply online via the EA website between 12.00 noon on Monday 1 March 2021 and 4pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021. Please contact Mrs Doherty should you wish to discuss any aspects of the process.



BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL – VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT AND VIRTUAL P7 VISIT

See links  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoEayfJSlec&feature=youtu.be>
<https://ballyclarehigh.co.uk/departments-videos-open-night/>
<https://youtu.be/GcaYlc1owAE>

LARNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL – VIRTUAL TOUR 2021

See links  <https://www.larnegrammar.org.uk/>

E Doherty
Principal

