

# Ballynure Primary School Newsletter

11 March 2021

Website [Ballynureps.org](http://Ballynureps.org)

Dear Parent

Please note that on **Wednesday 17 March**, there will no school meals or school transport available.

## **REMINDER - KEY WORKER CHILDREN (P4-P7)**

Please advise school, via email to myself ([edoherty598@c2kni.net](mailto:edoherty598@c2kni.net)) and cc to Mrs Nugent ([rnugent346@c2kni.net](mailto: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.

## **EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

EA has asked schools to ask parents;

- (i) 'park and stride' – good weather days at arrival and departure times.
- (ii) if an individual child has to self-isolate for a designated period due to Covid-19, parents should talk directly Mrs Doherty about providing education material.
- (iii) If a child has been advised by their clinical team not to attend school, parents should consult Mrs Doherty.

## **P7 PUPILS – APPLICATION TO POST-PRIMARY**

The Education Authority has requested that I remind parents of P7 pupils of the closing date for online Post-Primary applications on **4pm on 16 March 2021**. If you require assistance with your application the Admissions Helpdesk (028 95985595) is open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 5pm on Friday or you can email [postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)

If you require any assistance from school please telephone 028 93323113 or email Mrs Doherty [edoherty598@c2kni.net](mailto:edoherty598@c2kni.net)

## **READING BOOKS**

Thank you for all reading books which have been returned. In order that we have enough books to give out to other reading groups, we would ask that all reading books which you have finished with are returned to school as soon as possible. Please leave them on the table in the porch labelled with your child's name.

## **UPDATES MUSIC SERVICE COVID CHARGING POLICY FOR 2020/21**

EA Music Service has informed school that they will not be charging schools/parents for lessons during the 2020/21 academic year.

The exceptional decision has been taken in light of the level of disruption to teaching and ensemble activities which has continued throughout the 2020/21 year and the challenges this has presented, in relation to provision of a consistent and continuous service. ***All fees will be refunded immediately by post.***

The Music Service plans to use the summer term 2020/21 to plan, rebuild and re-engage with schools and parents, with the aim of moving back into more normal pattern of provision from September 2021 onwards, dependent on continued progress in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic.

### ***Plans for the resumption of face-to-face tuition***

The Music Service plans to resume face to face tuition after the Easter break, assuming that this is permissible under the Covid regulations at that time. Further information will be made available as soon as it becomes available to school.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

All parents please see attached letter from EA.

In readiness of the new SEN Code of Practice becoming fully operational, children recorded under the current 5 stages will be moved to the new 3 stages of Special Educational Needs.

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| Current stage 1 -> | (a) may be removed from SEN Register<br>(b) may move to new stage 1 |
| Current stage 2 -> | will move to new stage 2  |
| Current stage 3 -> | will move to new stage 2  |
| Current stage 4 -> | will move to new stage 2  |
| Current stage 5 -> | will move to new stage 3  |
| (statement)        |   |

Parents/carers of all children currently on the SEN Register will receive a separate letter detailing the changes particular to their own child.

*E Doherty*  
*Principal*

