

# Ballynure Primary School

## Newsletter

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

2 September 2021

Dear Parent

### **COVID-19**

Many of my colleagues in other primary schools have already reported Covid-19 cases and have classes isolating. While we remained Covid-19 free last year, it seems inevitable with that we will have Covid-19 cases this year. We are doing everything we can to mitigate transmission in school and we need parent/carer support by following good hygiene measures with your children and yourself.

Essential - Please see attached flow chart which explains the procedures we will follow in school if someone has Covid-19 symptoms in school.

Close contacts P1-P7

- Parents of all those on the contact list will be informed by the school that their child is a close contact of a confirmed case. They should self-isolate until they have had a PCR test.
- The entire class will be identified as close contacts.
- We are maintaining bubbles by encouraging pupils to remain within a consistent group of pupils wherever possible to support effective contact tracing.
- If the PCR test is positive they should self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or, if they have no symptoms, for 10 days from the test result.
- If the test is negative they can return to school, however, if they do go on to develop new symptoms, they should stay at home, self-isolate with their household and book another PCR test.
- The PHA has provided schools with a set of questions which we will have to ask parents in the event that your child presents with Covid-19. This personal data will be passed on to PHA. PHA have stated that school does not require the consent of parents to pass this personal data to PHA.

### **Home Learning**

Teachers will do their best to provide work for children when they are self-isolating. Children who are negative will be returning to school while others may still be at home. If teachers are unwell, there may be a delay in finding a replacement.

### **Parents/Carers (Essential visits only)**

- **Must wear a mask when entering the school unless exempt. No mask – No entry -please wait in the outside porch.**
- **Sanitise hands on entry.**
- **Do not congregate at school gates. Leave plenty of space for children to get through.**
- **Move away from the gate once your child has been collected.**

**\*Please ensure all pupils bring a coat to school each day\***

Autumn Half Term  
Christmas  
February Half Term  
Easter  
May Day  
Spring Bank Holiday

### **HOLIDAYS 2021-2022**

Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October  
Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January  
Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February  
Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April  
Monday 2 May  
Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June (Queen's Jubilee)

## **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND HEALTHY CHOICES**



'Fit Friday' will continue tomorrow and every Friday thereafter.

On a Friday, pupils should wear their school tracksuit, if they have one, or alternatively blue polo shirt and navy sweatshirt, with either navy or black leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

***Please note that Primary 1 will not commence Fit Friday until Friday 10 September.***

**Also,**

On PE days P4-P7 pupils should wear their PE kit with navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms (other plain dark colours are permitted).

P1-P3 should wear trainers on their PE days.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club commences at 8.05am and pupils should go directly to the assembly hall. The cost is £2.50 daily.

**Booking slips and correct money MUST arrive in school each Friday morning, so we can confirm numbers attending the following week.**

Breakfast Club supervisors **WILL NOT** collect any money and a register will be maintained for Contact, Track and Trace purposes. **(WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE ANY CHANGE – SO PLEASE ENSURE MONIES ARE CORRECT).**

Pupils should bring a colouring in book, doodle book, reading book or similar to keep busy once they have eaten their Breakfast.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

School Dinners cost of **£2.60 per day**. *The following week's dinner menu will be printed on the school newsletter each Thursday.*

**Dinner money MUST be brought into school on a Monday morning for that incoming week**

It is very important that the correct money (CASH ONLY) is put in a separate envelope or separate money pouch for all their monies. With the child's name and the days that they require dinner, written clearly on the front of the envelope. **(WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE ANY CHANGE – SO PLEASE ENSURE MONIES ARE CORRECT)**

**EACH SIBLING MUST BRING THEIR OWN CORRECT DINNER MONEY INTO THEIR OWN CLASS TEACHER, so they are fully aware of who is having dinners on what day. Teachers have individual registers which the Education Authority requires to be completed daily. Your cooperation in this would greatly assist the teachers first thing in the morning, as they deal with lots of different monies and notes, from lots of different children.**

## **WELLIES REQUIRED**

We need some new wellies for our plants in school.

If you have any spare wellies can you please bring them into school, thank you.



## **MENTAL MATHS BOOKS P3-P7**

Pupils P3-P7 please send £4 to your child's class teacher to purchase their mental maths book for the year. The children use these books almost every day to keep their mental maths skills sharp. Thank you.

## **MONDAY POUCHES**

Money Pouches are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £4.00 for a pack of 40. These are **very** useful when sending dinner money, milk money etc into school and we would encourage parents to purchase these as children do not always remember exactly what different monies are for.

## **ALLERGIES**

A child in school (P3 – Mrs McClean) has a severe egg and milk allergy and a pupil in P6 has an egg allergy.

Please **DO NOT** send eggs or egg sandwiches with your child if he/she is in the P3 (Mrs McClean) or P6 class.

## **ALSO**

Due to the increasing number of children with allergies, we do not allow birthday cakes or birthday treats to be brought into school, to share with class.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES**

If your child requires medicine during the school day, I would ask that arrangements are made for a relative to come to school to administer the medicine. In extremely exceptional circumstances and after completion of the appropriate Education Authority form, Mrs Doherty and staff will then consider administering medication, particularly during the Covid-19 situation.

**Please complete contact the office if you DO NOT want us to apply plasters to your child.**

### **CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA**

All children who require the use of asthma inhalers **MUST** bring them into school in a clear box. The box must be labelled with the child's name and details of frequency of use.

### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

Can you please advise school, at your earliest convenience, if your child has any changes to; intimate care, sun cream application, photographs, medical conditions and or parental responsibility contacts.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Ballyclare Mini Rugby**

All boys & girls in P1-P7 are welcome to attend - Give rugby a try. IRFU qualified coaches.

Season commences on Saturday 4 September at 9am

For more information please contact Neil Reynolds on 07909 006462 or [mini rugby@ballyclarefc.co.uk](mailto:mini rugby@ballyclarefc.co.uk)

*The school has no means of endorsing the activities or events in Community News.*

*Parents are advised to ensure any activity is appropriate for their child.*

*E Doherty  
Principal*

### ***SCHOOL MEALS MENU***

*Monday 6 – Friday 10 September*

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>
Fish Fingers, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potatoes & Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Steak Burger in Bap, Coleslaw and Homemade Spiced Cubed Potatoes & Chocolate and Pear Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Naan Bread and Garden Peas & Fruit, Jelly and Ice Cream	Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Diced Carrot and Parsnip, Mashed and Oven Dry Roast Potatoes & Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons and Crusty Bread & Fruit Smoothie and Flakemeal Biscuit

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**Breakfast Club Booking Slip****September 2021**

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which days your child is attending Breakfast Club.  
£2.50 per pupil, per day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Please note that this booking slip, **MUST** be completed each Friday and returned to your child's class teacher, along with the correct money, so we are aware in advance how many children are attending Breakfast Club the following week.  
Breakfast Club **MUST** be booked and paid for in advance of any pupil attending.