

# Newsletter 24—Blended Learning

7th March 2021



## Weekly Services

**Zoom**—These meetings offer a chance to catch up with staff and pupils. Zooms will continue for P4-P7 pupils and catch-up session will be offered to anyone who are forced to remain at home due to isolate at home due to isolation or illness.

**My School & TEAMS (P4-P7)** — Work and activities are uploaded regularly here for Homebased Learning.

**Ballyhenry App**—Available free from Google Play and App Store, get updates and reminders from school and submit homework for feedback via the app.

**Email Contact**—Email your child's class teacher with questions or to submit work. Your child's teacher will reply.

**Paper Packs**—Packs have been prepared for every child in P4-P7. They can be collected on Fridays 2:30 to 3:30 and Mondays 7:45 to 8:15 & 9:30 to 10:15. You can drop off the work your child has completed to be marked. A courtesy phone call will be made if you haven't collected your child's pack. This is to support you in case you need us to drop it off to you because your family is isolating or needs help.

**Face-to-Face Supervise Learning**—School is open to support the pupils of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils. Emails are being sent directly to these families. Remember to complete the appropriate form to access this support. <http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn> . If you are in new to this service, please email Mrs. Knocker to confirm your participation [knocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:knocker496@c2kni.net)

## Dates for your Diary

- Face-to-Face Learning for P1 to P3 pupils on Monday 8th March. When face-to-face learning resumes, we will continue with all established protocols including:
  - staggered starts/end
  - class bubbles
  - social distancing of adults
  - mask to be worn by all adults in common areas.

- Parents/carers should adhere to social distancing and wear a mask when dropping off and collecting their child from school.
- School will be closed on Wednesday 17th March. There will be no face-to-face, supervised or remote learning on this date.
- The current plan is that P1 to P3 pupils will resume homebased learning on Monday 22nd March. However, this arrangement is under review and may change.
- School will be closed from Monday 28th March to Monday 12th April (inclusive).
- Face-to-Face learning will continue for P1 to P3 pupils on Tuesday 13th April. We are waiting for guidance from the government relating to the return to school for P4 to P7 pupils.

## Nut Free School



We have recently been informed of two children (in P2 & P6) who have a severe food allergy to peanuts and nuts. It is important there is a strict avoidance to these feeds in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help to provide all our pupils with a safe school environment. To help reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send your child to school with any products containing peanuts or nuts.

Thank you for your support with these procedures.

## Family Check-in

As part of our Pastoral Care, we want to just check in with all our families to see how you are doing. We know that things may have changed at home during this lockdown. Normally you would share these things at the school gate, however in the given circumstances that isn't possible. We would appreciate it if you could give us a brief update so that we can best support your child or children. We are not being nosy, and we will treat anything you share confidentially. Remember we are here for you and we are doing our very best to find ways to help. Please follow the link to keep us in the loop: <https://bit.ly/CheckIn>

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## Primary 1 to Primary 3 Pupils

Face-to-Face Learning for P1 to P3 pupils on Monday 8th March. DENI expects all pupils to attend unless they fall into the extremely clinically vulnerable category. We will continue with all established protocols including:

- staggered starts/end
- limiting equipment brought to and from school.
- class bubbles
- social distancing of adults
- frequently cleaning all surfaces
- mask to be worn by all adults in common areas.
- parents/carers should adhere to social distancing and wear a mask when dropping off and collecting their child from school.

## Uniform

Children should wear their relaxed uniform. We understand that your child may have grown-out of some of their clothes. Don't worry, we are more interested in seeing the children than the colour of their shoes!

## Illness

If your child is ill, it is extremely important that you let us know by either completing the absent note on the app or filling in this form: <https://bit.ly/SympTrack20>

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## Dinners/Lunches

Lunchtimes will be timetabled to ensure social distancing. Our dinner choices will be completed online and delivered to the classroom. It is essential that book your child's meals for the week by Sunday at 9:00 p.m. The kitchen is working on a skeleton staff and as such late bookings will not be accepted.

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### Staggard Exit (Meet and Leave)

Departure will be staggered to help ensure social distancing. You will note that we have temporarily altered our dismissal times so that all children will go home each day between 1:55 and 2:15 daily. This is to accommodate families as siblings will go home at the same time.

- 1:55 P1 and Siblings
- 2:05 P2 and Siblings
- 2:15 P3 and Siblings

### Breakfast Club and B'Happy

The most recent DENI Guidance and the NI Government "Pathways to Recovery" states the Breakfast Club and Extended Schools should be paused at this stage. In emergency we may be able to provide some support.

### More Information about P1-P3 Pupils

A document has been sent to all parents on Friday. It has more details on all the above can be found in the sway P1-P3 Restart 2.0. A link to this document can be found here: <https://sway.office.com/OYn89yoily9POUuD?ref=Link&loc=mysways>

### P4-P7 Pupils

The government has determined that schools should reopen for P1-P3 pupils. However, P4-P7 children CANNOT attend school. For these children we will continue to upload learning links to Microsoft TEAMS and work will be provided on a weekly basis. Parents/carers will be able to collect paper packs to support learning. It will continue to be possible to return work digitally via the app and on paper. Engagement is essential as this is how attendance marks are allocated. If you need support with ICT equipment please complete this form: <http://bit.ly/EAl oan>

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- Online learning will continue for all P4-P7 Pupils
- P4 to P7 will use the platform Microsoft Teams as their platform for learning.
- Paper packs are available for all P4-P7 pupils. If a younger sibling is in school, we will send home the work with them and they can bring work back to school to be marked.
- Supervised learning is available but must be booked by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday evening.

#### Microsoft TEAMS—

P5 to P7 Pupils have moved to TEAMS as their main method of accessing online resources for learning. P4 pupils are joining them on this platform. TEAMS gives a little more flexibility in terms of the exchange of information among pupils and staff. Like on Fronter, teachers will be able to upload videos, PowerPoints and resources that will support the children's learning. New to the children (and parents/carers) is the ability to respond (via chat) to the resources provided. They will also be able to work collaboratively on projects and enhance their learning. Staff can monitor engagement and help wherever needed. Your child has been added to their class TEAM via their C2K Address ([username123@c2ken.net](mailto:username123@c2ken.net)). They can log into Teams using their username and password.



#### Zoom Learning

The teachers are doing some formal teaching sessions through zoom. Children should bring their whiteboard and pen to each session. If you haven't had a chance to join in, why not give it a go? Simply download Zoom on any device and enter the Meeting ID Number followed by the Passcode. You will then be admitted to the waiting room. If your child is a little nervous keep the camera off and let them listen and participate with you. You can see more of the class at one time by choosing "gallery view" (click in the upper right corner). The schedule will be updated so your times may change slightly.

#### Monday

Wave-In 9:30 Meeting ID: 820 6575 1177

P1-P3 Check-in Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: 961 1840 3854

- *Topic: Numeracy--How can we help?*

P4 Class Zoom 11:00 Meeting ID: 937 5321 5499

- *Topic: Fractions*

**Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.**

**Password for all Zoom Session: School (Capital "S")**

## **Tuesday**

P5 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: 842 0656 5167

- *Topic: Dividing*

P6 Class Zoom 11:00 Meeting ID: 851 5913 5506

- *Topic: Angles and turns*

P7 Class Zoom 11:30 Meeting ID: 847 7936 7773

- *Topic: Percentages*

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## **Wednesday**

P1-P3 Check-in Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: 961 1840 3854

- *Topic: Literacy--How can we help?*

P4 Class Zoom 11:00 Meeting ID: 937 5321 5499

- *Topic: WW2 Acrostic Poem*

P6 AQE Zoom 11:30 Meeting ID: Number to be sent out

- *Topic: Short Paper in packs*

**Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.**

**Password for all Zoom Session: School (Capital "S")**

## **Thursday**

P5 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: 858 0643 4504

- *Topic: Explanation (writing)*

P6 Class Zoom 10:45 Meeting ID: 853 3219 6695

- *Topic: Pronouns*

P7 Class Zoom 11:15 Meeting ID: 861 2339 2120

- *Topics: Homonyms*

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### ***Friday***

P7 Feel Good Friday 10:00 Meeting ID: **889 6684 3064**

- *Topic: Bring your Learning Journal*

School Assembly 1:30 Meeting ID: **885 1171 4814**

- *Topic: Our Key Words are Safe-Ready-Respectful this week we are looking at "safe". How do you stay safe at home or at school? Send in pictures of how you stay safe.*

***Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.***

***Password for all Zoom Session: School (Capital "S")***

### **Supervised Learning for P4-P7**

Northern Ireland is currently in a Lockdown. We have been directed to "Stay at Home". We will endeavor to offer limited supervised learning from 8:45 am to 3 pm. Children in school engaging in supervised learning who have a younger sibling in school will go home with them at 2:00. This provision is for those children whose parents have exhausted ALL other options for their child's care.

THIS IS EMERGENCY PROVISION. GIVEN THE HIGH RATES OF TRANSMISSION, THE NEW VARIANT OF THE VIRUS AND GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE YOUR CHILD IS SAFER AT HOME. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT BOOKED WILL BE SENT HOME.

Schools have been told not to operate Breakfast Clubs or B 'Happy. If you need additional support, please request it via the comment box.

Booking supervised learning is essential. If your child has not booked in, they will not be allowed to attend. If a child arrives for Supervised Learning and their place has not been secured, they will wait outside the office while we contact a parent/carer to come and collect them.

<http://bit.ly/face2face21>

### **More Information about P4-P7 Pupils**

A document has been sent to all parents on Friday. It has more details on all the above can be found in the sway P4-P7 Restart 2.0. A link to this document can be found here:

<https://sway.office.com/fwspFTeDfOOVCtFE?ref=Link&loc=mysways>

## **Attendance**

The Department of Education requires schools to mark attendance even when children are learning from home. P1-P3 are expected to be in school while P4-P7 are learning to be learning at home.

The decision to mark a child present and learning at home is determined by their level of engagement. For us, this means answering these questions:

- Attendance in school for P1-P3 pupils

- Is your child's paper pack being collect and/or are they regularly on Fronter? Remember if you can't come to school, we will arrange for someone to drop it off and collect your child's work to be mark.
- Is work being returned for marking either online or through our drop off system?
- Has your child engaged in any Zoom Sessions?
- Have you contributed to Facebook?
- Has there been any telephone/email contact?
- Is your child enrolled in face-to-face supervised learning?

There are a lot of options here and we don't expect everyone to do everything. Instead, we are providing lots of choice so that you can choose what is best for your child and your family. Homebased learning is challenging, and we must work together. We just need a little bit of evidence that you and your child are doing your best to engage and do a little bit of work. Unfortunately, we are also being told that we still must contact the Education Welfare Service if a child is below 85%. We really need your help to ensure that their support is not necessary. Letters will be sent out this week to pupils for which there is an attendance concern.

## Keep in touch!

We know that working from home can be difficult and we want to provide as much support as we can. Please email [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) if you need anything. There will be someone at school every weekday from 8:15 to 4:30 p.m. The phones are busy so please be patient and we will get back to you.

Remember that we can only do our best and together we will get through this challenging time!

Stay safe,

Mrs. Knocker