

Newsletter 25—Blended Learning

14th 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

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.
- Face-to-Face learning will continue for P1 to P3 pupils until Friday 26th March at 2:15 p.m.
- Homebased and/or Supervised learning will continue for P4 to P7 pupils until Friday 26th March at 2:15 p.m. This is to be reviewed by the executive on Tuesday 16th March.
- School will be closed from Monday 28th March to Monday 12th April (inclusive). Monday 12th April is an Exceptional Closure
- 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/Check1n>

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Spring has Sprung

We want to encourage Mother Nature to press play on SPRING! Remember to send in your beautiful flowers for our entrance. P1 to P3 pupils are creating something special in school for our video while our P4 to P7 pupils are reminded to send in their video clips by Monday 15th March via [wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com) to billiardsheen@gmail.com

www.wetransfer.com



P7 Leaver Hoodies and T-Shirts

Primary 7 Great news! The hoodies and t-shirts will go on sale after 8:00 a.m. from Friday 12th March and it will remain open for 7 days. You can select a hoodie/t-shirt, the size and colour by following the link below. You can pay online and your clothing will be sent directly to your home. It is our hope that you will receive them before the potential return to school after Easter. We know that many of our children have grown significantly so we will allow them to wear their t-shirt and/or hoodie to school as uniform for the summer term.

<https://www.signatureleavers.co.uk/ballyhenry-primary-school/>

P1-P3 Pupils

It has been decided that P1 to P3 will stay in school until Friday 26th March. We look forward to having time for face to face teaching!

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

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 and for these children we will continue to upload learning links to Microsoft TEAMS. We will also provide work 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> We have just received our latest allocation of equipment and these will be distributed this week. Mr Robinson will be in contact with you.



- 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.

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Microsoft TEAMS—

P4 to P7 Pupils have moved to TEAMS as their main method of accessing online resources for learning. TEAMS gives a little more flexibility in terms of the exchange of information among pupils and staff. Teachers will be able to upload videos, PowerPoint 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). 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

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

- *Topic: Kenning Poem*

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

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

Tuesday

P5 Class Zoom 9:45 Meeting ID: 842 0656 5167

- *Topic: Dividing*

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

- *Topic: Angles on lines and in triangles*

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

- *Topic: Coordinates*

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

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P6 Parents/Carers AQE Zoom 7:30 p.m. Meeting ID: **852 1951 6176**

- Topic: A chance to share what we know about the AQE, registration, preparation and special circumstance. We will also be happy to try to answer questions. So grab a cup of coffee and zoom in!

Wednesday

School closed so no zooms!

Thursday

P5 Class Zoom 9:45 Meeting ID: 858 0643 4504

- *Topic: Features of Persuasive Writing (Bring workbook and pencil)*

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

- *Topic: Parts of Speech (Nouns, verbs and adjectives)*

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

- *Topics: Synonyms and Antonyms*

AQE Zoom 1:30 Meeting ID: 849 5883 5127

- Short Paper

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

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

Friday

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

- *Topic: Bring your Learning Journal*

School Assembly 1:15 Meeting ID: **885 1171 4814**

- *Topic: Our Key Words are Safe-Ready-Respectful. This week we are looking at "READY". How do you show you are ready at home or in School? Do you pack your bag, lay out your uniform, clean your shoes, turn on your computer... Please share your pictures.*

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>

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More Information about P4-P7 Pupils

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<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 online? 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.



Happy Mother's Day

To all the fantastic mums, aunts, grandmothers, childminders, friends and staff that support our pupils, we are taking this opportunity to wish you the very best day possible. Thank you for all that you do!



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 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