Newsletter 26—Full Restart 2.0

21st 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.

THIS IS ESSENTIAL AS THIS IS HOW WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF A CLASS OR CLASSES NEED TO REMAIN AT HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE. Instructions can be found at the end of the newsletter. If you are having trouble getting or using the app please let us know. We will help you sort it out!

Dates for your Diary

- School will be closed from Monday 28th March to Monday 12th April (inclusive).
- Monday 12th April is an Exceptional Closure.
- All pupils will return to school on Tuesday 13th April.

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 the there is a strict avoidance to these foods 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 sent your child to school with any products containing peanuts or nuts.

Thank you for your support with these procedures.

Illness

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- **a new continuous cough**

- **fever**

- **loss of taste/smell.**

If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, your child should remain at home. This is in keeping with the government guidance for Coronavirus. You should let the school know as soon as you can that there is someone at home that is unwell. We will then work with you, the Education Authority and the PHA to determine what should happen next. Anyone who has had a traceable contact with someone who has tested positive, must remain at home for the 10 day isolation period even if they have tested negative.

Remember we can provided lots of support if your child is off isolating. Work will be provided on Teams, we can arrange zoom sessions and a food parcel can be delivered if your child is entitled to free school meals.

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 are 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. The form will not open after 9:00 p.m.

BOOK DINNERS VIA THE LINK BY 9:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY EVENING LATE BOOKINGS FOR DINNERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. https://bit.ly/PackLunch20

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Staggered Arrival (Drop and Go)

We resume our staggered arrival procedure. Children can arrive any time between 8:45 and 9:05. Here is a remind you of the procedures:

- Follow social distancing footprints. Adults MUST wear masks on entry.

- Hands sanitized on entry;

- Follow the one-way system;

- Temperatures check on entry to the classroom.

Remember anyone who is ill should not be in school. If your child has Covid-19 symptoms the household should self-isolate and a test should be booked.

Staggered 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 2:00 and 2:30 daily. This is to accommodate families as siblings will go home at the same time.

It is essential for **all stakeholders** to maintain social distancing and that adults wear masks.

Covid-19 Procedures include:

• Gates will be locked until 1:45 as outdoor learning may be taking place.

• Parents/carers must maintain social distancing while waiting to collect their children. Please stand on the designated waiting spots (blue feet), wear a mask and leave the school premises quickly to give room for other families.

• Climbing equipment should not be used by younger siblings waiting for collection.

• Older children will be dismissed from their class early and move to meet their younger siblings. They must maintain social distancing from others but can be in close proximity with their sibling.

• Staff and children will move aside if children are not collected to allow other classes to go out.

• Junior Gate will be closed and locked by the P4 teacher at 2:40.

1:55 to 2:30 Meet and Leave			
JR Playground		JR Playground	
1:50 P1 & Siblings	2:10 P3 Siblings	2:15 P5B & Siblings	2:20 P6 & Siblings
2:00 P2 & Siblings	2:15 P4 & Siblings	2:15 P5F & Siblings	2:25 P7

Microsoft TEAMS—

The School has now moved to TEAMS as our 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, PowerPoints and resources that will support the children's learning. The children have 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. We are working to ensuring all children have access to TEAMS. If your child is isolating, their work will be upload to teams.
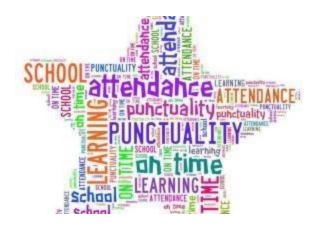

Attendance

DENI expects all pupils to return to school except in very special circumstance:

- pupils who have been advised by their medical teams to remain at home;

- pupils who have been required to self-isolate due to Track and Trace Guidelines;

- pupils who have an illness (including COVID-19).

As usual, attendance will be marked on a daily basis. Special arrangements have been made to record attendance for pupils who are learning from home. This includes compelling schools to collect evidence regarding the learning that has taken place. If sufficient evidence is not provided or if a pupil refuses to attend school due to COVID-19 fears schools must record these as Unauthorized Absence.

Spring has Sprung

We can't wait for Friday! We are going to be celebrating school the end of challenging term with hope for better days after our break!

Breakfast Club and B'Happy

At present the guidelines state that social bubbles should not be broken. (i.e. children cannot interact with another group of children before/after school and be in a class bubble during the day). 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 situation we may be able to provide some support. Please ring school or email lknocker496@c2kni.net for help.

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.

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

Stay safe,

Mrs. Knocker