

Newsletter 2 (30-08-20)

Ballyhenry Primary School



It has been fantastic to see all the pupils back at school. They have shared stories that have made us smile, told jokes, listened well and impressed us with their resilience and determination. All in all the first few days of term have gone very well.

Remember to download the Ballyhenry Primary School App to receive newsletters and updates. 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!

If you or anyone in your family is sick...

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

- a new continuous cough
- fever
- loss of taste/smell.

THEY SHOULD BE TESTED IMMEDIATELY.

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 14 day isolation period even if they have tested negative.



CLOSE CONTACTS ASKED TO ISOLATE

Close contacts will be asked to isolate for 14 days from the last time they had contact with you.

School Resumes

All pupils will return to school on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

- P1 pupils will attend in morning or afternoon bubbles 5 days per week. An email was sent to you with your details.
- P2 to P7 pupils will attend full time (5 days/week) in full class bubbles. There will be staggered arrival times (8:45 to 9:15) and departure times (2:00 to 2:30).

- Healthy Breaks are available and must be paid for online.
- Lunches will initially be served in the classrooms but can be ordered from the canteen. Payment on the app or Free Schools Meals.

School Equipment

- **No** school bags please
- Lunch in wipe-able containers/lunchboxes
- Pencil cases should be left in school. They should have their own pencils to use at home.
- Water bottle (to be cleaned and refreshed each day)
- Masks/face coverings are not required for children while in the building. However, if you or your child feels safer wearing one that is your choice. See below for further details.
- Wellie Boots (leave in school)
- Tissue Box (leave in school)
- Hand Sanitiser (leave in school)
- Return items that were provided last year (i.e. Whiteboards, markers, books etc)

Staggered Entry (Drop and Go)

- All children must enter by the front door.
- Children can come to school between 8:45 and 9:15. While coming into school they must adhere to the social distancing markings outside school.
- They will spray their hands with hand sanitizer and enter the building. There will be a team of classroom assistants on duty to support the pupils.
- Children should follow the one way system.
- They will have their temperature checked in the corridor. Any child with a temperature above 37.8°C will not enter the classroom as this is one of the symptoms of the Coronavirus. Instead they will wait in isolation and be returned home as soon as possible (in accordance with the government guidelines).
- All children must be left at the door. It is only in an emergency (i.e. collecting an injured or very sick child) that parents should enter the building. Parents can only enter school by appointment only.

Note: The gates will be opened at 8:45 to ensure that staff are in place, properly attired with masks and shields. We have found that there is an initial influx of children at 8:45 and then children arrived gradually throughout the "drop and go" period. However, we are keeping this under review. We may need to change these arrangements, if social distancing cannot be maintained.

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. This includes toddlers who should not be allowed to climb on the playground or run about the field. We are not trying to stop them

from having fun, but we have been told that we will need to clean anything that is touched by those outside the bubble. There is no easy way to do this except to rub down every surface.... can you imagine how long this would take!

- 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), follow the arrows and leave the school premises quickly to give room for other families.
- **Climbing equipment MUST NOT be used by younger siblings waiting for collection. We have been told to only use the equipment in bubbles. If younger siblings use the equipment we will be required to clean the touchable surfaces. We really need your help so that we can keep everyone safe!**
- 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.
- If you are late, your children will be taken to the assembly hall to wait. You will need to go to the front door and we will bring your child to you.

Click the image to check departure times. Note P1 time will change in October. NOTE we have made a slight change in departure times. This is to help make things a little clearer for parents.

2:00-2:30 Meet and Leave	
Junior Playground	Senior Playground
2:00 P2 & Siblings	2:15 P5 & Siblings
2:10 P3 & Siblings	2:25 P6 & Siblings
2:15 P4 & Siblings	2:30 P7 & Siblings
2:30 P1	

Free School Meals

Please remember you need to reapply for Free School Meals every year. If you think you are entitled applications are made online. You should be notified when your application has been processed.

Extra funding in our school is based on our percentage of Free School Meals so please apply even if your child does not want dinners! You will also benefit from Uniform Grants. If your child has a statement for Special Educational Needs they may also be entitled to Free School Meals. We can't get this extra funding without you!

We have been told that the applications have taken longer to process than anticipated. The EA has determined that they will provide Free School Meals to any child who was entitled to Summer Meal Vouchers. This will continue until at least 11th September. The meal service has also informed schools that they will provide Food Packs to children who are forced to remain at home due to Covid19. Please contact school if you believe you are entitled to this provision.

Policies and Forms

As you are aware, we are not able to send policies and forms home on paper. These should be completed online.

Please ensure that you complete and submit:

- Policy acknowledge
- Intimate Care Permission
- Photo Permission
- Acceptable use of the internet.
- Permission to walk home (for P5 to P7 pupils only)
- Special diets
- Children medical conditions should also complete the appropriate form:
 - AM1: Long-term medical conditions (i.e. ADHD, ASD, Asthma)
 - AM2: This is a short-term medical condition (i.e. ear infections)
 - AM3: Self-Administration (i.e. to manage their own inhaler in school)

Personal Details

We are working on a way to ensure that we have accurate information regarding contact details. In the meantime, please make sure that we have current phone numbers so that we can contact you easily.

Electronic Gate

We have now made the site more secure by installing an electronic gate. To gain entry please push the buzzer and wait. The gate will be released. You must close the gate securely after you. To leave the property please press the high release button.

Staff Car Park

The car park is for staff and deliveries only. Parents/carers must not use the car park to drop off or collect their children at **any time during the day**. We must put the children's safety first! As you are aware there were several near misses last year. It would be devastating if your child was injured or if you injured another child. It is a little known fact that most private car insurance policies do not cover accidents on school premises. We have now installed a gate to ensure that the car park is not used by parents/carers. This was a significant expense. Please respect our attempt to keep children safe!

Safe Parking

Remember that when dropping off and collecting your child you should park safely. Please make sure that you don't block anyone's driveway or the footpath. We want to be good neighbours and respect everyone's personal space and property. We have already had a few complaints from neighbours this year. We want to ensure that we present our best selves to our community.

Breakfast Club and B'Happy

At present the guidelines state that social bubbles should not be broken. (i.e. children cannot interact with one group of children before/after school and be in a class bubble during the day). We are looking at ways that we can operate our wrap-around care. This will necessitate a change of operations including strict use of social bubbles, social distancing within a shared space, extensive use of the outdoor space and an increase in staffing. These plans are being developed and we hope to be able to start some of these services no later than mid-September

Final Note

Communication is important. We are doing our best to keep you informed via our app & Facebook Page. Please ensure that you have a way to stay up to date. Newsletters come out every Sunday evening. It is essential that you read this thoroughly. Remember that even though things might look a little different, there will be many things that will be very familiar.

You will be greeted with a smile, even if they are hard to see under our masks. The masks are a part of our superhero costume! Together we are going to leap buildings in a single bound and do our part to defeat that coronavirus! Here we are showing off our costumes so that the children could see that they have a team behind them ready for our new normal!



Thank you for your support as we work together to build our new normal school day.

Contact School

We are here to help! Here are some of the ways you can get in touch

Website: www.myballyhenryps.net

Facebook: **Ballyhenry Primary School—Official** (closed group)

Email: lknocker496@c2kni.net

Tel: (028) 90841316

Note: Please contact school if you or a family member has symptoms. It is essential that you let us know if someone in your family has tested positive. If this is out of hours please send an email or a communication slip via the app. Include a contact number so that I can call you back to discuss next steps. Try not to worry. We will figure this out together. This information will be kept confidential.

Ballyhenry Primary School Lunch

	01 st September – 04 th September	7 th September – 11 th September	14 th September – 18 th September	21 st September – 25 th September
MONDAY		Tuna Bap & Bottle of Water **** Jelly & Fruit Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Tuna Bap & Bottle of Water **** Jelly & Fruit Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Tuna Bap & Bottle of Water **** Jelly & Fruit Tuck: Toast & Fruit
TUESDAY	Ham Salad Sub Roll & Bottle of Water **** Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Ham Salad Sub Roll & Bottle of Water **** Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Ham Salad Sub Roll & Bottle of Water **** Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Ham Salad Sub Roll & Bottle of Water **** Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Toast & Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Egg Mayo Baguette & Bottle of Water **** Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Egg Mayo Baguette & Bottle of Water **** Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Egg Mayo Baguette & Bottle of Water **** Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Egg Mayo Baguette & Bottle of Water **** Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit
THURSDAY	Chicken Mayo Wrap & Bottle of Water **** Smoothie Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Chicken Mayo Wrap & Bottle of Water **** Smoothie Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Chicken Mayo Wrap & Bottle of Water **** Smoothie Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Chicken Mayo Wrap & Bottle of Water **** Smoothie Tuck: Toast & Fruit
FRIDAY	Cheese & Tomato Muffin & Bottle of Water **** Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Cheese & Tomato Muffin & Bottle of Water **** Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Cheese & Tomato Muffin & Bottle of Water **** Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Cheese & Tomato Muffin & Bottle of Water **** Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit
<p>Healthy Break Tuck Shop</p> <p>1 day – 30p 2 days – 60p 3 days – 90p 4 days - £1.20 5 days - £1.50</p> <p>School Meals</p> <p>1 day – £2.60 2 days – £5.20 3 days – £7.80 4 days - £10.40 5 days - £13.00</p> <p>DUE TO THE COVID19 ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE VIA THE APP. THIS IS IN LINE WITH DENI GUIDANCE. IF YOU NEED HELP JUST ASK!</p>				

PLEASE NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS OR IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL. ANY ALLERGY CLAIMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTORS LETTER. ANYONE WITH ALTERNATIVE DIET REQUIREMENTS NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE SPECIAL DIET FORM ON THE APP.
DUE TO ANY UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY OCCUR, THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SPECIAL DIET MENUS HAVE BEEN UPLOAD TO THE WEBSITE. SPEICAL DIET MENUS CAN ALSO BE EMAIL. Click to request Menu
<http://bit.ly/SpMenu1>

Communication and Payment App

Our Ballyhenry App has helped us in so many ways!

It is essential that all parents/carers download the app! This is easily done from the iTunes store or Google Play. It is a good idea to refresh your app and ensure that you are getting notification for the appropriate class. Simply search for Ballyhenry Primary School. The app is free! You are also free to have other members of your family and child minders download the app as emails, newsletters, text messages and payments can all be done through it.

Step by Step

1. Download the Ballyhenry Primary School App
2. Enter the password: 11111
3. Select the notifications you would like to receive (i.e. which class your child or children are in). So if your children are in P1, P4 and P7 click those classes and you will get updates from their teachers. This might be things like, "Remember your wellie boots." "Class Bubble Closure" etc. Be sure to enable notifications so that you get these updates directly to your phone.
4. Start using the app

Payment Booking

Use this section to book and pay for the following:

- Breakfast Club (When available)
- Healthy Break
- Dinners (Paying only)
- B'Happy (When available)

How to make a booking:

1. Select the Booking you wish to make (there is a scroll down menu at the top).
2. Select the relevant days (you can do this weekly, monthly termly)
3. Go to cart
4. Proceed to booking
5. Enter your child's name, class and payment method (PayPal)
6. Press continue
7. This will take you to PayPal where you can check out using your account or as a guest using your debit or credit card.
8. PayPal will acknowledge your payment and you are done!

Please note: You can only do one child and one item (i.e. Healthy Break or dinners) at a time. The ePrinting Company is working on this and there should be a solution soon. In the meantime we would suggest booking at least weekly to save you time. It should not be too long until it is sorted.