

# Newsletter 4 (13-09-20)

## Ballyhenry Primary School



It has been an exciting week! So many smiles and it was great to hear to corridors filled with laughter once again!

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!

## Illness in School

It has always been the case that if children are ill they should remain at home until they feel well enough to attend. During this Pandemic we all need to be more careful and it is essential that children who are feeling unwell with, colds, flu, vomiting, diarrhoea, serious earaches, bad sore throats etc. should not be in school regardless of the pandemic. If you are uncertain please consult your GP who is best placed to support you in making this decision. Children with very mild cold symptoms (like a runny nose) can attend school but must be able to maintain good tissue hygiene. Keep in mind that we may need to send them home if their symptoms worsen.

Keeping your child at home will ensure that:-

- they are not miserable in school;
- they do not pass their illness to their classmates;
- we protect others who are immune compromised and find it difficult to fight even minor illnesses.

Children MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL if they have COVID-19 symptoms:

1. A new and continuous cough
2. High temperature/fever
3. Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Anyone with these symptoms should contact their GP/PHA to inform them and book a test when it is appropriate to do so.

ANYONE EXPERIENCING THE 3 RECOGNISED COVID19 SYMPTOMS (EVEN IF ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD) MUST REMAIN AT HOME. IF YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED YOU MUST REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL

YOU ARE NEGATIVE. YOUR CHILD HAS NOT BEEN TESTED BUT HAS HAD ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, THEY MUST NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 10 DAYS.



**Please complete this link if your child is ill or if you have been asked to do so to help us keep everyone safe:** <https://bit.ly/SympTrack20>

## P1 HOURS

We are so proud of our new P1 Pupils! They have settled into school and are being so grown up! We are now ready to combine P1 Bubbles into their single class. From Monday 14th September all P1s will attend from staggered start (8:45 to 9:15) to 12:00 noon. They should bring their break as usual. P1 pupils will attend full time from Monday 28th September.

## Ballyhenry Primary School Kitchen



We are here to help. The canteen is currently offering a brown bag lunch. The lunch will include a filled sandwich, baguette, wrap or muffin (see menu), piece of fruit, dessert and a bottle of water. This is for both children entitled to free school meals and those who choose to pay for lunch. The kitchen staff have kindly offered to create individual brown bag lunches that will meet each child's needs. You simply need to tell us the fillings you desire and the fruit your child prefers and it will be delivered to the classroom. These cafe style brown bag lunches are tasty and balanced. We are introducing Friday Treat Day. Each Friday we will be offering a hot meal delivered to the classroom. We are taking baby steps into our new normal.

**Please complete this link to select sandwich fillings and Friday Treat options.**  
<https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

| 14 <sup>th</sup> September – 18 <sup>th</sup> September   |  |  |  |   |
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| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
| Filled Baguette<br><br>****<br>Fresh Fruit & Tub of Jelly<br><br>Tuck: Toast & Fruit  | Filled Sandwich<br><br>****<br>Fresh Fruit & Tub of Ice Cream<br><br>Tuck: Bagel & Fruit | Filled Wrap<br><br>****<br>Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt<br><br>Tuck: Toast & Fruit | Filled Sub Roll<br><br>****<br>Yoghurt<br><br>Tuck: Muffin & Fruit | Goujons, Chips & Beans (alternative diets also catered)<br><br>****<br>Apple Juice, Biscuit & Smoothie<br><br>Tuck: Toast & Fruit |
| School Meals: 1 day - £2.60 2 days - £5.20 3 days - £7.80 4 days - £10.40 5 days - £13.00<br>HB Tuck Shop: 1 day – 30p 2 days – 60p 3 days – 90p 4 days - £1.20 5 days - £1.50<br><b>Please pay via the Ballyhenry PS App</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| PLEASE NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS OR IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT<br>PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL. ANY ALLERGY CLAIMS <u>MUST</u> BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTORS LETTER.<br>DUE TO ANY UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY OCCUR, THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. |  |  |  |   |

## 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. Please contact school if you have applied for FSM and have not received an email confirmation.

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



It is essential that we have up-to-date information for you and your child. Normally we would sent home paper copies with your current information for you to update. We have been advised to reduce the amount of paper that is shared between home and school. As such we have create a digital form that can be used to ensure that we have the most up to date information. Simply follow the link to complete the short form <http://bit.ly/DataCh20> P1 Pupils do not need to complete this form if they submitted their data capture form.

## 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. We plan to have a final meeting this week and let you know by Thursday how we plan to proceed. Thank you for your patience while we find a safe way to establish “new normal” facilities.

## Saturday Work Group

Thank you so much to be people who have joined us on Saturdays for the last 3 weeks. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of donations in time, expertise and hard labour! We hope to have everything ready by the end of next week and share pictures of what we have achieved! Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to make this happen!

## Contact School

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

Website: [www.myballyhenryps.net](http://www.myballyhenryps.net)

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

Email: [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto: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 or fill in our new form <https://bit.ly/SympTrack20> . 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.**

## 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

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### *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.