

# Newsletter 5 (20-09-20)

## Ballyhenry Primary School



Have you downloaded the Ballyhenry Primary School App in order 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.

### Illness in School

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 TEST IS RETURNED AS 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>

## Breakfast Club

**YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY. SORRY NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS.**

Good News! Breakfast Club is back!

Breakfast club will resume on Monday 21st September at 8:00 with Covid-19 Secure Procedures. Cost: £2.50. Covid-19 Secure Procedures are in place.

- Weekly Pre-booking with payment online will be essential and must be completed by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday morning of each week.
- Children can arrive between 8:00 to 8:30 a.m... They will be checked-in by Mrs Knocker as they enter. Temperatures will be checked and hand sanitised. No entry after 8:30 a.m.
- To protect their bubble child must sit with their class and remain seated until it is time to move to their classroom. This is to protect their bubble.
- Each bubble will have their own activity box with lots to do. We look forward to adding different activities as the weeks progress.
- Breakfast will be served to them and the table cleared for them.
- Staff will wear PPE and maintain social distancing where possible.
- All items used will be disinfected following breakfast club including chairs, tables, floor, activity boxes and breakfast dishes.

We are so looking forward to resuming this service. Please work with us to make restart a success by ensuring that you pre-book using the app. It should be activated now. If it is not working than please update your app!



## B'Happy

We hope to resume B'Happy the week beginning 4th October. Running Breakfast Club will give us a good idea of how well we can adhere to the Covid-19 Secure Procedures. These procedures are essential in ensure that we protect our class bubbles and limit the impact of any positive test that may occur in the future. We are currently purchasing the necessary equipment to make restart safe and successful.

# Bee Happy



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## Blended and Homebased learning

Covid-19 is a highly contagious illness that can strike any person at any time. DENI has asked school to be prepared to support learning in school and at home when it is needed. We have been working hard to develop and improve our support in this area.

### *Isolating at Home*

If someone in your household is experiencing Covid-19 Symptoms, your child should remain at home while you wait for the symptomatic person to be tested and for a negative test to be returned. If a positive test is returned then your child will need to remain at home for 14 days. This is also the case if a member of your household has been asked to shield due to an upcoming medical procedure.

Your child is likely to be well enough to complete the work they would have been doing in class. If they complete and return the work they will NOT be marked absent. Instead they will receive a mark that indicates they are learning at home. If you are experiencing these circumstances you should:

- Contact the school via email or the absent note on our app. You can also phone school but we do need written notification for our records;
- Request work for your child to complete. This work can be sent to you via email or you can arrange for a friend/neighbour to collect the work. There are also activities on the classes Fronter Page accessed via My School for your child to complete;
- Submit the work completed. This can be done via the homework submission form on the app or can be returned in person when the work is completed. The work must be submitted for your child to get their attendance mark. This is accordance with DENI.



### *Class Bubble Working at Home*

If someone in the class bubble tests positive, it may be necessary for the whole class to work from home for a period of 14 days. The school will be given guidance from the PHA regarding when this is necessary. Your child is likely to be well enough to complete the work they would have been doing in class. If they complete and return the work they will NOT be marked absent. Instead they will receive a mark that indicates they are learning at home.

We have prepared a “paper pack” in advance to support your child’s learning in this circumstance. The pack includes all the information they need to access online learning via My School/Fronter as well as two weeks of literacy and numeracy work on paper. This folder will be sent home on Monday 21st September and should be kept safely at home until it is needed. Please DO NOT use this work if your child is off due to illness/self-isolation, instead follow the guidance noted above.

If your child’s bubble is instructed to stay home you will:

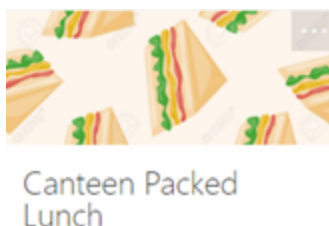
- Receive notification via the app and text message that your child should work from home;
- Open the paper pack and begin working through the tasks. Remember the pack contains 2 weeks of work and should be supplemented by online activities;
- Make contact with school if you need help with learning. This can be done via email directly to your child’s class teacher or via the homework submission form;
- If the whole class is off, there will be at least one Zoom check in with pupils. This is optional but will be put in place to allow the children to have contact with school and each other;
- Submit the work completed. This can be done via the homework submission form on the app or it can be returned in person when the isolation period is over. The work must be submitted for your child to get their attendance mark. This is in accordance with DENI.



## P1 HOURS

We are so proud of our new P1 Pupils! They have settled into school and are being so grown up! P1 are now in their single class bubble. This week 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 continuing Friday Treat. Each Friday we will be offering a hot meal delivered to the classroom. If all goes well we hope to be able to offer 2 hot meals next week. 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>

21 <sup>st</sup> September – 25 <sup>th</sup> September				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Filled Baguette **** Fresh Fruit & Tub of Jelly Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sandwich **** Fresh Fruit & Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Bagel & Fruit	Filled Wrap **** Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sub Roll **** Yoghurt Tuck: Muffin & Fruit	Breaded Fish, Chips & Peas (alternative diets also catered) **** Apple Juice, Biscuit & Smoothie 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 HB Tuck Shop: 1 day – 30p 2 days – 60p 3 days – 90p 4 days - £1.20 5 days - £1.50 Please pay via the Ballyhenry PS App Make your choice <a href="https://bit.ly/PackLunch20">https://bit.ly/PackLunch20</a>				
PLEASE NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS OR IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL. ANY ALLERGY CLAIMS <u>MUST</u> BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTORS LETTER. 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.

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. We will continue to provide FSM if your child's application has not been processed. This is at the school's expense.

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 send 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 created 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.

## Get Ready for Further Updates

There are a few more changes that we hope to be able to put in place as we work in a slow and steady fashion towards our new normal.

### *Staggered Start Time will be shortened*

Children are entering school in a very timely fashion. Most children are in class ready to learn by 9:00 a.m. For this reason we are hoping to tighten our staggered start time to 8:45 to 9:05. We hope that this will take effect the week beginning 28th September.

### *Additional Hot Dinners in the Classrooms*

We hope that by the week beginning 28th September we will be able to provide 2 hot meals in the classroom per week. They will still have their choice of sandwiches on all other days.

### *B'Happy*

We hope to be able to trial the start of B'Happy from Monday 4th October. You will be able to book in 30 min slots.

### *Parent-Teacher Meeting*

We plan to run Parent-Teacher meetings with Covid-19 Secure Procedures the week beginning 19th October. We are still working on the details but we hope to be able to share these in our next newsletter. B'Happy will operate in a restricted fashion during these periods.

### *Extending the School Day*

We are currently discussing how we can safely extend the school day for Key Stage 2 (P5 to P7) to more normal hours of operation. We hope to be able to do this after half-term.



## 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.

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## 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

***The app is free!***

***Payment Booking***

Use this section to book and pay for the following:

- Breakfast Club (Now 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.