

Newsletter 6 (27-09-20)

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

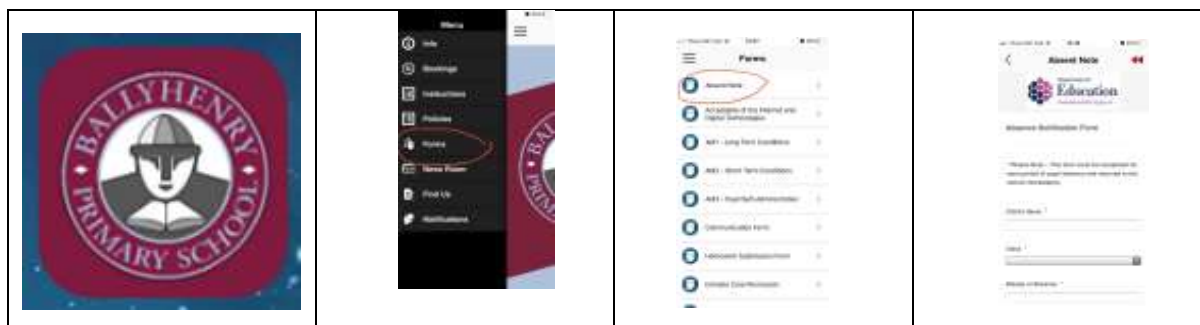
Children MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL if they have COVID-19 symptoms:

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 the Absent Form on the Ballyhenry App if your child is ill. It has been updated to include Covid-19 symptoms and information. These notes go directly to your child's teacher!



Staggered Start Shortened

We have found a way to make our entry more efficient by taking the children's temperatures in class. We have also noted that most children are now in school by 8:55 a.m. As such, we are planning to adjust our staggered start time to 8:45 to 9:05 with formal teaching beginning at 9:05 a.m. We have been so impressed by every family's ability to keep to the blue footprints and maintain their space. Thank you for your helping in making things work!

P1 HOURS

You are ready for long days! Way to go! P1 pupils will attend full time from Monday 28th September. Children should bring a break and lunch. Remember that healthy breaks and dinners/packed lunch can be ordered via the Ballyhenry App (lunch dinner selections should be made <https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>) Dismissal time will be at 1:55. P1 pupils are also welcome to attend Breakfast Club and B'Happy (when it begins).



Breakfast Club

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

Good News! Breakfast Club is back! NEW PRICE!

We have been able to reduce the price to £2.00/day. Please book by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday morning of each week. We may be able to help you with an emergency during the week in this case email lknocker496@c2kni.net with your request.

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.

- Children will be checked-in and have their temperatures and hand sanitised.
- 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 glad that we are 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 plan to resume B'Happy the week beginning 5th October. We have been able to adjust our plans and the price reflects these changes. This is because we have learned from our experiences with Breakfast Club and have taken on board feedback from the parents' survey. We now need 4

members of staff, additional cleaning time and additional equipment to make the service work safely in the current environment. We are doing our best to support our families.

To adhere to Covid-19 Restrictions we will do the following:

Entry Procedures:

- Run Weekly Pre-booking with payment online. All bookings must be done by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning for the week. Numbers will be limited given Covid-19 requirements. NO DROP-INS.
- B'Happy will be coordinated from the Assembly Hall. This gives us a large space and the best opportunity for social distancing.
- We will welcome the children in from their staggered end time.
- adhere to the new normal entry procedures (i.e. sanitise and screen temperatures)
- on entry have children sit at their class table and remain seated until invited to move

Daily Activities

- Children will have an activity box (or two) on their table
- Afternoon snack will be served to them and the table cleared for them.
- Children must remain in their bubble. Activities will be rotated during the hours of operation to include time outside, in the B'Happy Room, ICT sessions and time at tables in the hall. We will also be able to show a variety of movies via the data projector in the hall.
- Staffing levels have been increased to supervise the children in various locations around the school.

Departure Procedures

- Pupils will return to the hall to be collected.
- All children will be in the hall from 4:30 daily to allow for cleaning of other areas.
- We will close B'Happy each day at 5:00. In time we may be able to extend this finishing time.
- Parents should go to the main school door and ring the B'Happy Door Bell. Parents must not enter the school building.

Payments

- Parents should pay on a weekly basis by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. NO DROP-INS
- Parents can book in 30 min slots.
- P5 to P7 pupils will not need to begin payment until 3:00 p.m.
- Cost is £2.00/30 min slot

Safety and Cleaning

- All staff will need to wear visors/masks, aprons and gloves when within 2 meters of the children.
- All staff will maintain the 2m social distancing rule except with children in their bubble
- All surfaces and equipment/activity boxes will need to be disinfected after use.
- Any areas of the school used by B'Happy participants will need to be cleaned after use. This includes corridors, toilets, rooms, toys and outdoor equipment (including the climbing frame).

Booking is now active for the week beginning 5th October 2020.

YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY FOR THE WEEK.

SORRY NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS.



Ballyhenry Primary School Kitchen



We are so pleased to be able to offer hot dinners on Mondays and Fridays. These will be delivered to the classroom complete with the children's choice of sides. We are here to help. The canteen continues to offer brown bag lunch on Tuesday to Thursday. The lunch will include a filled sandwich, baguette, wrap or muffin (see menu), piece of fruit, dessert and a bottle of water.

Carers, you simply need to tell us your child's preferences. It is important that you complete this form even if your child takes free school meals.

Please complete this link to select sandwich fillings and Monday/Friday Treat options.

<https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

PLEASE BOOK BY 7:00 A.M. ON MONDAY FOR THE WEEK. THE SPREADSHEET IS PRINTED AND SENT TO THE KITCHEN BY 7:30 A.M. ON MONDAY.

We do accept additions but this is challenging and takes away from teaching time. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

28 st September – 2 nd October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Burger in bap, Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn (alternative diets also catered) **** Yoghurt, Popcorn Cookie & Apple Juice 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	Sausages, Chips & Beans (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 https://bit.ly/PackLunch20				
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 believe that most of applications have now been processed. Please let us know if this is not the case for your child.

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)



Get Ready for Further Updates

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 period. NOTE: THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL TENTATIVE. THE MOST RECENT DENI GUIDANCE STATES THAT ALL INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DONE BY TELEPHONE. WE ARE WORKING ON IT!



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

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 or email lknocker496@c2ni.net. 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.