

Newsletter 9 (01-11-20)

Ballyhenry Primary School



Download the Ballyhenry App to stay up-to-date. 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 or needs to remain at home to self-isolate. These notes go directly to your child's teacher! It is important that you complete this so that we can ensure that we use the correct code and support your child with homebased learning.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- A HIGH TEMPERATURE**
This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).
- A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH**
This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 2 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE**
This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Isolate and rest
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / runny nose / or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Isolate and self-isolate
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with government advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.

"If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from 'travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of any COVID-19 test result."

Further information, including frequently asked questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART

WE ALL WANT TO GET THROUGH IT

HSC Public Health Agency | Department of Education

DENI Closure over Half-Term

As you are aware the Northern Ireland Executive and the Department of Education determined that schools should close for an extended half-term. We are to reopen on Monday 2nd November following a review by the Executive today.

In keeping with advice from the Department of Education and the Education Authority, we have had to adjust some of our plans. These measures have been shared and approved by the Board of Governors. This included the introduction of new school times for older pupils, our parent teacher meetings and our exceptional closures.

Mr Weir (Education Minister) also published a video on the Department of Education Website during which he emphasised the need for parents to help:

"Parents and carers can also play their part by not congregating outside school gates when they are dropping children off. Limit your contact with others, always wear a face covering and ensure that you are practising social distancing. We can all help reduce the spread of COVID-19"



School Times

We will continue with our current staggered start and end time until Friday 13th November. This is in keeping the advice provided for the "Circuit Breaker".

Departure Time from Monday 2nd November to Friday 13th November

2:00-2:30 Meet and Leave	
Junior Playground	Senior Playground
1:50 P1 & Siblings	2:15 P5 & Siblings
2:00 P2 & Siblings	2:25 P6 & Siblings
2:10 P3 & Siblings	2:30 P7 & Siblings
2:15 P4 & Siblings	

From Monday 16th November P1 to P4 children will continue with their staggered end time around 2:00 p.m. Our P5 to P7 Pupils will adopt new times. Tuesdays to Thursdays they will have a staggered end time around 3:00 p.m. Pupils will leave school at their staggered end time of around 2:00 on Monday and Friday. These new times will allow us to maintain our social bubbles while meeting the needs for P5 to P7 pupils to attend for longer on a weekly basis. Protecting the bubbles is essential given the rise in positive cases and impact of breaking bubbles on the whole school community. We appreciate that this is not our standard practice and we hope to return to normal as quickly as possible.

Departure times from Monday 16th November to be reviewed at Christmas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:00 P1 & P2	2:00 P1 & P2	2:00 P1 & P2	2:00 P1 & P2	2:00 P1 & P2
2:10 P3 & P4	2:10 P3 & P4	2:10 P3 & P4	2:10 P3 & P4	2:10 P3 & P4
2:15 P5				2:15 P5
2:20 P6 & P7				2:20 P6 & P7
Siblings will leave together on Mondays.	2:50 P5	2:50 P5	2:50 P5	Siblings will leave together on Fridays.
	2:55 P6	2:55 P6	2:55 P6	
	3:00 P7	3:00 P7	3:00 P7	

Please remember that the arrival and departure times are being staggered to support the need for social distancing between different families especially when collecting children. In light of the announcement from the executive, the staff will be reviewing these times and small adjustments may be required. Mr Weir (Education Minister) has also asked schools to encourage parents to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their child. Thank you so much for your support.



Tentative Plans for Parent-Teacher Meeting

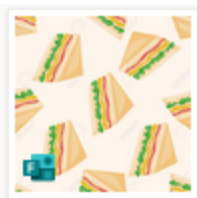
Unfortunately, we will be unable to continue with our plans to have face-to-face Parent-Teacher meetings. We will move our plans to a telephone-based consultation program and we will inform you of the arrangements as soon possible.

Free School Meals

It is not too late to apply for Free School Meals. This can be done online via the Education Authority. Parents who receive Free School Meals should have received direct payments over half-term.

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.

Ballyhenry Primary School Kitchen



Canteen Dinners and Packed...

We are so pleased to be able to offer hot dinners on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. These will be delivered to the classroom complete. 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/Wednesday/Friday Hot Dinner 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.

2 nd November – 6 th November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers, Saute Potatoes & Beans **** Tub of Ice Cream, Fruit & Juice Tuck: Toast & Fruit (alternative diets also catered)	Filled Sandwich **** Fresh Fruit, Cookie & Juice Tuck: Bagel & Fruit	Roast Chicken, Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy **** Jelly Tuck: Toast & Fruit (alternative diets also catered)	Filled Sub Roll **** Biscuit, Fruit & Juice Tuck: Muffin & Fruit	Sausage, Chips & Sweetcorn **** Yoghurt, Fruit & Carton Juice Tuck: Toast & Fruit (alternative diets also catered)
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.				

1 - [1] <https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

Support before and afterschool



- Breakfast Club-- 8:00 to 8:45
- B'Happy— 2:00 to 5:00 (booked in 30 minute slots)

YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY. SORRY, NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS. Both clubs work with Covid-19 Safety Procedures in place.

Working from Home

Children are to return to school on Monday 2nd November. However, schools were directed in August to prepare for online and blended learning if required. If your child is off school due to the need to isolate, it is important that you let us know. We will send work for your child to complete while at home. This work will need to be returned to school for assessment. Learning can also take place online. Information has been sent home with every child to allow us to do so if needed. In your child's emergency folder you will find usernames and passwords that will allow to access "My School" and then "Fronter". If you are having trouble getting online, it is essential that you make contact and we will do our best to help.



Hint: search <https://www.c2kschools.net> for “My School” then enter your child’s username and password. Their homepage should load and then find the fronter logo (see above). If fronter does not load automatically when clicked then give “my school” a few moments and retry.

Pastoral Care in School and at Home

We know that things are a little different right now and this can have an impact on our mental health. Mrs McCurry has been working with us to support pupils in addressing their mental health needs. Mrs McCurry is also happy to talk to parents who may need a little help. As part of her role, I have asked her to make contact with families who are having to self-isolate to offer support. We hope that you will find it helpful to talk to someone from school.



Flu Form

Please return your child’s flu form ASAP. The Flu programme is scheduled for Tuesday 24th November.

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 of Covid-19. It is essential that you let us know if someone in your family has tested positive. If this is out of hours please send 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.

HOLIDAY LIST 2020/2021

Autumn Term- 2020

School Starts: Monday 24th August (P7 Only, ends 2pm, bring packed lunch)

Thursday 27th August P2-P7 (Bubble 1, school bring lunch)

Friday 28th August P2-P7 (Bubble 2, school ends bring lunch)

Bank Holiday: Monday 31st August (school closed)

School Continues: Tuesday 1st September (P1 See Special arrangements, Bubble1)

Except Close 1: Monday 19th October (school closed to pupils)

Extended Half-Term: Tuesday 20th October-Friday 23rd October **(school closed to pupils)**

Halloween: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October (inc)

Christmas: Friday 18th December (half Day *)

Christmas: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021 (inc)

Spring Term- 2021

School Re-starts Monday 4th January

Except Close 2: Monday 15th February **(school closed to pupils)**

Except Close 3: Tuesday 16th February **(school closed to pupils)**

Half Term: Wednesday 17th February – Friday 19th February (inc)

St Patrick's Day: Wednesday 17th March (Staff in)

Except Close 4: Friday 26th March (school closed to pupils)

Easter: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April (inc)

Summer Term- 2021

School recommences: Monday 12th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 3rd May

Exceptional Closure 5: Friday 28th May (school closed to pupils)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 31st May (school closed)

End of School year: Wednesday 30th June (half day *)

* Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm (No Dinners).

The above holiday dates are all inclusive and subject to change.