

# Newsletter 10 (08-11-20)

## 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 or their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

**A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH**

This means coughing is not more than 5 times, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they already have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

**A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE**

This means they're noticing 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
- Household self-isolate
- 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 PPA 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 PPA

**WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?**

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. Some 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
- Household self-isolates
- 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 PPA 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 PPA 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 irrespective of a negative 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.au](https://www.education.gov.au)

**EDUCATION RESTART**

WE ALL MUST DO IT TOGETHER

## Plans for Parent-Teacher Meeting

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on the phone. All times were sent home on Friday. Please remember to return your confirmation slip on Monday. If you did not receive your time or need to change it for some reason you can send a Communication Slip or an email to [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) and will do our best to help.

In order to facilitate these calls school will end at around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. B'Happy will operate in the Assembly Hall throughout the week and can be booked via the app. All bookings must be completed by 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:50 P1 (JR)	1:50 P1 (JR)	12:50 P1 (JR)	12:50 P1 (JR)	12:50 P1 (JR)
2:00 P2 (JR)	2:00 P2 (JR)	1:00 P2 (JR)	1:00 P2 (JR)	1:00 P2 (JR)
2:10 P3 (JR)	2:10 P3 (JR)	1:10 P3 (JR)	1:10 P3 (JR)	1:10 P3 (JR)
2:15 P4 (JR)	2:15 P4 (JR)	1:15 P4 (JR)	1:15 P4 (JR)	1:15 P4 (JR)
2:15 P5 (SR)	2:15 P5 (SR)	12:50 P5 (SR)	12:50 P5 (SR)	12:50 P5 (SR)
2:20 P6 (SR)	2:20 P6 (SR)	1:00 P6 (SR)	1:00 P6 (SR)	1:00 P6 (SR)
2:30 P7 (SR)	2:30 P7 (SR)	1:10 P7 (SR)	1:10 P7 (SR)	1:10 P7 (SR)

Older children will leave with their younger siblings. NOTE: the changes in times for Wednesday-Friday. B'Happy will operate and children can be collected from B'Happy through the front door.

Your child's teacher will call you as close to your designated time as possible. The call will be made to the number you supplied. The call will come from one of our 2 school lines, school mobile number or from a withheld number. Your interview will take the usual format discussing literacy,

numeracy, general wellbeing and your thoughts. The call will last for no longer than 10 minutes to allow teachers to make all the scheduled calls.

If your child's teacher is not able to reach you, for whatever reason, they will attempt to contact you when they have another free slot. Alternatively, you can send a Communication Slip or email to [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) and we will get back to you. I am sure that you will appreciate how busy our phone lines will be during this period so you may not be able to get through via phone.

## DENI Advice

We have not had a formal update of Covid-Secure procedures for schools but we have been advised to ensure that we encourage safety at the school gates. We have noticed a significant increase in mask wearing and we want to sincerely thank you for your help!

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".

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
1:55 P1	1:55 P1	1:55 P1	1:55 P1	1:55 P1
2:00 P2	2:00 P2	2:00 P2	2:00 P2	2:00 P2
2:05 P3	2:05 P3	2:05 P3	2:05 P3	2:05 P3
2:10 P4	2:10 P4	2:10 P4	2:10 P4	2:10 P4

2:15 P5 2:20 P6 2:30 P7				2:15 P5 2:20 P6 2:30 P7
Siblings will leave together on Mondays.	2:50 P5 2:55 P6 3:00 P7	2:50 P5 2:55 P6 3:00 P7	2:50 P5 2:55 P6 3:00 P7	Siblings will leave together on Fridays.

NOTE: WE HAVE UPDATE THESE TIMES IN ORDER TO PROMO SOCIAL DISTANCING

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. 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.



## 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



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.

9 <sup>th</sup> November – 13 <sup>th</sup> November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger, Chips & Beans	Filled Sandwich	Roast Chicken, Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Filled Sub Roll	Breaded Fish, Sauté Potatoes & Peas
(alternative diets also catered)	****	(alternative diets also catered)	****	(alternative diets also catered)
****	Fresh Fruit, Jelly & Bottle Water	****	Fresh Fruit, Jelly & Bottle Water	****
Yoghurt, Fruit & Carton Juice		Jelly		Smoothie
<b>Tuck: Toast &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>Tuck: Bagel &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>Tuck: Toast &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>Tuck: Bagel &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>Tuck: Muffin &amp; Fruit</b>
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 <b>Please pay via the Ballyhenry PS App Make your choice</b> <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.				

<https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

## Support before and afterschool



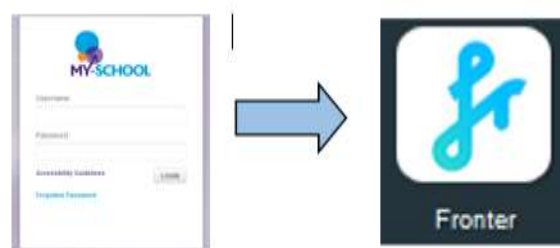
- Breakfast Club-- 8:00 to 8:45
- B'Happy—2:00 to 5:00 (booked in 30 minute slots). B'Happy will operate from 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week due to parent teacher telephone consultations.

***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

If your child is off school due to the need to isolate, it is important that you let us know. We will send digital copies of work for your child to complete while at home. We can also make arrangements for you to receive paper copies of this work. This work will need to be returned to school for assessment. The COVID-19 folder should only be used to support learning if your child's whole class is directed to self-isolate.

Learning can also be supported 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](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 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](mailto: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.