

Newsletter 11 (15-11-20)

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 six times an hour, or 3 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'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:

<p>YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Book a COVID-19 test Household self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Inform school immediately about test result <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>
<p>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PPA Contact Tracing Service <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Self-isolate for 14 days in line with government advice <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p>"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 a negative COVID-19 test result."</p> <p>Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education.ie/en</p>

EDUCATION RESTART

WE ALL WANT TO GET TOGETHER IT

HSC Public Health Agency

Department of Education

School Photos—16th November 2020

Cool for School Photography will be present on Monday between 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. to take individual and family photos. If you are interested you must book before 7:00 p.m. tonight. Family photos can include siblings who do not attend Ballyhenry. The booking form does not allow to add other family members but you are free to bring them along.

Covid-19 Secure Procedure:

Individual photos will be coordinated by the school between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

Family Photos will be taken on first-come-first served basis 2:00-3:00. The staggered departures should help to ensure that you do not need to wait too long and will support social distancing. Remember to wear your mask while waiting to have your photo taken.

1. Photos will take place in the assembly hall.
2. Families should wait outside the assembly hall emergency doors for their turn. If there is a long line, please wait in your car and we will contact you by calling your mobile. We are hoping to make some space in the car park for your convenience.
3. When it is your turn, enter via the emergency door and sanitise your hands.
4. Pose for your picture. The photographer will be wearing a visor and keep 2 meters away.
5. Exit through the other emergency door.



Cool for School Photography

**"To have your child's photo taken you must register
Even if you have registered for a previous session!"**



Get ready for PHOTODAY!

Register now so you can view your photos for free on your phone, as soon as they are ready, just follow these three simple steps.

We will be taking photos

- Of Families with siblings outside of school & Absentees
- At Ballyhenry PS
- On Monday 16th November 1.30-3pm

Please register by 7pm on the day before your Photoshoot



STEP 1

Grab your phone and go to
orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter your personal code.

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STEP 3

Check all your info is correct and fill in your
mobile and email address.

That's it! You will receive an email and/or Text with
instructions when photos are ready to view.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to our strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our webpage for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our office on 02892683966.



Parent-Teacher Meeting

Thank you so much to all of you who have participated in parent-teacher meetings. We had a very high rate of response and the teachers wanted me to express their appreciation to all who participated in this new format. It was good to catch-up. When a teacher was unable to contact a parent/carer at the designated time, they did try to make contact a second and third time. Don't worry if you missed our call, you can still arrange a call by contacting school using the Communication Slip on the app or email to lknocker496@c2kni.net.

School Times

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				2:15 P5
2:20 P6				2:20 P6
2:30 P7				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 PROMOTE 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.

16 th November – 20 th November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger, Chips & Beans (alternative diets also catered) **** Yoghurt, Fruit & Carton Juice Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sandwich **** Fresh Fruit, Jelly & Bottle Water Tuck: Bagel & Fruit	Roast Chicken, Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy (alternative diets also catered) **** Jelly Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sub Roll **** Fresh Fruit, Jelly & Bottle Water Tuck: Bagel & Fruit	Breaded Fish, Sauté Potatoes & Peas (alternative diets also catered) **** Smoothie Tuck: Muffin & 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.				

<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.



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.