



August 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may be aware some minor works are currently happening in the school playgrounds. Therefore, we have had to change our plans for where children/parents enter and exit the school grounds. We are trying to maintain a one-way system where viable to make the flow of people as smooth as possible. **All children** now need to enter the school grounds via the main entrance at the front of the school.

THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION VIA THE BACK GATE AT FR MAGILL'S HOUSE FOR P6 & P7 PUPILS.

MORNING ROUTINE

- **Parents should not enter the school yard or school building** unless it is for a prearranged meeting. **Only P1 and P2 parents may drop the children to the classroom yard door** and then follow the one way system to exit the school grounds.
- **Children will not line up in the yard** – they will proceed directly to classrooms through assigned doors – any child who has an assistant will be met by the assistant at the school gate and escorted to their room.

P1, P2 and P3 children

- should enter via the main gate, walk into the main yard and proceed through the gate in front of Mrs McGoldrick's class. P1 and P2 should enter school via their classroom door and P3 should enter via the red door at the P1 end of the school. Parents should exit the yard through the gate at the side of the church. We would encourage as many P3 children as possible to be dropped off at the main gate and walk to the red door unaccompanied.

P4 and P5 children

- should enter via the main gate, walk into the main yard and enter school via the middle blue door.

Miss Rainey's class

- should enter via the main gate, walk into the main yard and enter school via their classroom door.

Mr Stott's and Mr Kennedy's class and all Primary 6 classes

- should enter via the main gate, walk down the footpath in the school car park and enter school via the front office door.

HOMETIME ROUTINE

P1 and P2 children will be collected from classroom doors. Parents should exit via side church gate.

P3-P7 children will be collected from front yard and all pupils and parents should exit via side church gate.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL THE SITE WORKS ARE FINISHED.

WE ASK THAT NO PUPILS TAKE BICYCLES, SCOOTERS ETC TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE WORKS ARE COMPLETED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED.

Please continue reading for important information regarding a full return to school from Tuesday 31 August.

Tuesday 31 August – school will finish for all P2, P4 and P7 at 11.50

P3, P5 and P6 at 12.00

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL DINNERS

Wednesday 1 September – full school day (1.50 / 2.00 finish as per last year)

Start / Finish times will be as follows.

| Year Group | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| P1 | Will receive information from their class teacher when they start school | | | | |
| P2 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 |
| P3 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 |
| P4 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 |
| P5 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish 2.00 |
| P6 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 3.00 | Start: 8.50 – 9.00 Finish: 2.00 |
| P7 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 2.50 | Start: 8.40 – 8.50 Finish: 1.50 |

Please be assured the safety of the children, staff and parents is my priority. In order to do this, we will be continuing with some of the established practice from this year.

Please be aware of the following as you prepare to send your child back to school.

COMMUNICATION

- Ensure that you **update contact details** so that we can contact you via our text service
- Ensure that you have **downloaded and registered for the Seesaw** Communication App so you are able to receive all relevant information/homeworks etc. NEW CODES WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE CHILDREN NEXT WEEK.
- Seesaw will be essential for the completion of homework from September on. HOMEWORK IS NOT OPTIONAL.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY / PARENTAL MEETINGS

- **If a parent needs to get a child out of school early for an appointment**, they must telephone the school office, the child will be sent to the main entrance at the designated time. Where possible, appointments should be arranged outside of school hours.
- **When permitted to enter for a meeting / collect a child – only one parent will be allowed in the foyer at any time and MASKS MUST BE WORN.**

Please continue reading

SCHOOL BAGS / LUNCH BOXES

- **Children are allowed to bring SCHOOL BAGS , LUNCH BOXES AND A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE into school.**
- **Pencil cases are not needed.** The school will provide each child with a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler, markers etc.

UNIFORM

- **Children will wear their full school uniform. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE INTRODUCING A NEW UNIFORM FOR PE FOR PRIMARY FOUR TO PRIMARY SEVEN CHILDREN.** It will consist of a red sweatshirt with our school crest on it, available from Truly Fare, a white polo top and black (non logo) tracksuit bottoms which can be purchased from any retail source. Plain trainers are also advised.

HYGIENE

- Current practice on **handwashing, hygiene, moving around the school, social distancing** etc will continue
- Current practice of **increased cleaning** of the school premises on a daily and weekly basis will continue

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

Parents are reminded that, as a matter of urgency, they should apply **ONLINE** for free school meals. If there is another Lock Down and parents are paid the subsidy directly into their bank account, you will only receive this if you are on the Free School Meals Register.

Parents of children who pay for meals should continue to use the [School Money App to do so.](#)

Please be assured you have my continued commitment and the commitment of all my staff to provide the highest level of pastoral care and education in the safest manner.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding in this uncertain time. I look forward to welcoming you all back next week!

Miss Keegan