



St Patrick's update 07.01.2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2022. We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday. We have a few adjustments to let you know about to ensure we minimise disruption to learning due to Covid. I can pretty much assume that you are all sick to the back teeth of Covid and Covid updates but please read through our plans so that you know what's happening and can reassure your children if necessary.

Indoors

For an initial period P3-7 pupils will move back into sitting in rows to minimise movement around the class. We will continue to record where all children are sitting in classes from P1-7 to ensure we know exactly where everyone is during the school day.

Lunch and lining up times

For an initial period we will organise lines for lunch and lining up. Pupils will continue to have lunch with their own class.

Playground

Children can play with their friends outdoors as before.

PE

As much as possible children will continue to enjoy their PE outdoors. If the weather is very icy/snowy, PE will move indoors. Children will still be outside if there's light rain so please ensure they have a jacket with a hood.

Ventilation in class

This will be monitored daily. Classroom windows and doors will be opened at various points of the day to ensure good ventilation. The heating is also turned up so it doesn't get too cold.

Potential outbreaks of Covid School

Should we have some Covid cases in school we will let everyone know and remind everyone to continue to regularly wash hands etc. We will continue to follow Public Health advice to the letter as we have done since February 2020.

School Bus

We will continue to encourage our younger children to sit at the front of the bus with older children sitting towards the back. We will also keep the front row of seats empty to ensure there a good distance between the driver and the children.

Arrival and Collection from School

Everyone should arrive as close to their start times as possible.

9am start time will remain the same for this term

Adults should wear a face covering on school grounds and while waiting for children.

Adults should keep 2m apart while waiting.

All meetings with parents will be by telephone call or videocall where appropriate.

We encourage all adults to arrive as close to drop off and collection times as possible. However, should you be late we will of course hold on to your child. Older children should also be reminded to return to the school building if you are not there to collect them.

Active School Coaches

We are delighted to announce that the NLC Active Schools coaches will be with us this term with lots for fantastic opportunities for children to develop their PE skills.

Free School meal entitlement

We are delighted that ALL P5 children are now entitled to receive free school lunches. This also includes breakfast club. I would encourage you to use both lunch and breakfast club; the food is great and it will also save you money.

Free School Meal and Clothing Grant

Please remember to apply for this if you are eligible. It means you have access to winter payments, reduced cost to trips etc. You also must re-apply each year, so make sure you are not missing out 😊

Staffing

We continue to liaise regularly with our Education Managers regarding staffing. Please be assured that clear planning is in place for all children should their teacher be absent through Covid or otherwise. We will communicate information regarding specific classes as soon as we can.

And finally...

It never ceases to amaze me that our children manage all the changes so well and maintain great hope, laughter and optimism even if they are having a difficult day themselves, they really make me count my blessings. I am truly grateful that we are not facing another lockdown at the moment and we will do everything we can to ensure it stays that way. We may face some new challenges but with your continued support, prayers and love we will be just fine.

Best wishes and take care
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