



St Patrick's Primary School & Nursery
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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming our children back to school. We especially welcome our new pupils who will be starting in the Nursery and P1 this year. Below is important operational information in regards the school reopening on Thursday 1st of September.

Breakfast Club/Dinners

Breakfast club will not be available on our first days back but will be in operation from Monday 5th September. The Breakfast club opens at 8.15am with Breakfast served to 8.45am each day. Pupils must not be dropped off before 8.15am as no supervision is available until that time. Pupils will be seated in class groups in the hall for Breakfast. Cost £1 per pupil each day. This year our Nursery pupils will be permitted to attend Breakfast club if parents believe they are able to do so.

School dinners will be available from Thursday 1st September. We would prefer if payments of school dinners be sent at the beginning of each week. If you are entitled to Free school meals, you must have received notification from the Education Authority that your entitlement is from September. You will have to pay for school meals until the Education Authority confirm your status.

School buses will be available from the 1st September. Please ensure you have obtained permission from the Education Authority before your child takes the bus.

Pupils should also bring a refillable bottle for water that can stay in school on your child's desk as pupils will no longer be permitted to leave the classroom for a drink of water.

Morning Drop/Off

Any pupils not attending the Breakfast club can arrive between 9am and 9.15am.
Only pupils attending Breakfast club are insured to be onsite before 9am. Pupils who attend the Breakfast club can enter through the main school building.

Pupils arriving from 9am will go to their designated playground and on wet mornings they will go to their classrooms.

No parents will be allowed into the school building unless they have made a prior appointment with the school office so we would ask that parents drop off and collect their children in a prompt fashion.

School uniform

School uniforms must be worn each day. P4-P7 pupils will be informed on what day their PE day will be on when they return and they can wear in their PE clothes on this day. This is usually a tracksuit or running bottoms and a sports top/half zip. Further details will be provided for our P4 pupils who will be doing this for the first time this year.

Stationary/School bags/Coats

Pupils will not be allowed to share stationary; therefore, we ask all pupils in P1-P7 to bring in the following in a pencil case on their first day.

School Bag, Pencil case, pencils, rubber, sharpener, colouring pencils, markers and tissues.

Pupils may bring other stationary if they wish but it will be for their own use and it will stay in school. We would also ask pupils not to bring in any toys/footballs or any other unnecessary items into school.

Pupils can also bring a coat to school but as communal class cloakrooms will not be in use, coats will be kept on the back of chairs in the classroom.

Home times

P1 - Separate arrangements for our P1 pupils during the Induction phase have already been communicated to parents. When the Induction period is over P1 pick time is 2.10pm

P2 classes - 2.10pm finish

P3 - 2.20pm finish.

Any P2 or P3 pupils who have a younger sibling in P1 will go home with their sibling at 2.10pm. Any P3 pupil who has a sibling in P2 will go home with their sibling at 2.20pm.

Primary 4/5 - 3.05pm

Primary 6 - 3.15pm

Primary 7 - 3.15pm

Any P6 or P7 pupils who have a younger sibling in P4 or P5 will go home with their sibling at 3.05pm.

Any P4 or P5 pupils who use the school bus will be supervised until 3.15pm and then put on the school bus.

Hometime parking

P1/P2 - Parents should park in the P1/2 main carpark on the left hand side at 2.10pm. If spaces are not available parents should park in McCoy's car park. Parents can collect their child from the door at the side of the school and take them to the car by the hand.

P3 - Parents

Parents should park in the main P1/2 carpark on the left hand side at 2.20pm. If spaces are not available parents should park in McCoy's car park. Pupils will be handed over to parents at the main front door of the school at 2.20pm.

Adults are reminded that they should socially distance whilst waiting for their child outside their respective exit.

P4 parents

Parents should park in the spaces in front at our Nursery at 3.05pm. The P4 classes will exit the school at the green gates at the side of the school at 3.05pm.

P5 parents

Parents should park in the main carpark on the left hand side at 3.05pm. P5 pupils will exit through the main front doors.

P6 Parents

Parents should park in the main carpark on the left hand side at 3.15pm. P6 pupils will exit through the main front doors.

P7 parents

Parents should park in the spaces in front at our Nursery at 3.15pm. P7 class will exit the school at the green gates at the side of school at 3.15pm.

We would ask all parents to park responsibly and if there are no designated parking spaces in your allocated area we would ask parents to park in McCoy's carpark and walk to the school building to collect your child. P1-3 parents should take their child safely by the hand across the road back to the car when parked in McCoy's. **Parents should not park directly outside the school gates as this reduces visibility for cars leaving the school carpark.**

Please take a look in your child's school bag over the beginning weeks as we will be sending home various information and forms such as data collection and permission slips that will need returned to school. We are looking forward to welcoming back all our children for another great year at St Patrick's PS.

Thank you for your continued support.

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