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Return to School Information

Dear Parent(s),

I hope that you have been able to have a lovely summer break with your family. It has certainly been needed after what was once again, a challenging year for us all. As the summer holidays now draw to an end, your attention is no doubt starting to turn to your children returning to school.

As I mentioned in my correspondence with you a couple of weeks ago, I hoped to be back in touch with further information regarding our return to school protocols as soon as possible.

The Department of Education released their guidance to schools last night (18th August) and whilst we carefully study the information within, I wish to update parents with some general key points regarding our pupils' return to school.

Finer details about the day to day running of our school and the different protocols we will be having in place, will be shared with pupils and parents, prior to school reopening on Tuesday 31st August. However, I wish to reassure all parents that these will be operational only and will not involve any organisation or preparation on your behalf.

Key Points

- All pupils (P1 - P7) will begin the new academic year on **Tuesday 31st August 2021**.
- Pupils not attending Morning Club will be permitted to be dropped off at school between 8.45am and 9.00am. All classes will begin at 9.00am sharp.
- Children in Primary 1 - Primary 3 will finish school at 2.00pm.
**** Primary 1 children will finish school at 12.00pm for the first two weeks of September.***
- Children in Primary 4 - Primary 7 will finish school at 3.00pm.
- Pupils will be able to bring school bags and personal equipment (Pencil cases, lunch/snack boxes etc) to and from school on a daily basis.
- School dinners remain priced at £2.60 per day. Our new school menu will be available on our website before the end of August.

- Pupils should wear full school uniform each day, including on days when they will be participating in PE. The children will be permitted to change in school for PE.

**** Your child's PE days will be communicated upon the resumption of school.***

- Where possible, pupils' school dinner money should be sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope each Monday. (Correct change is preferred)
- Daily snack will be available to all children at a cost of 30p per item.
- Morning and Afternoon Club will resume on Tuesday 31st August 2021. Morning Club will run from 8.00am - 8:45am, whilst Afternoon Club will be available from 2pm - 4:30pm.

Whilst the details above are basic and mainly organisational, I hope that they give you some guidance and reassurance as your children return to school.

If you have any further queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch, by emailing kblack585@c2kni.net.

I look forward to welcoming our school community back to Ballytrea PS very soon.

Kind regards,

Keith Black
(Principal)