



# Principal's Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone within our school community. I do hope that you and your families managed to have a really lovely Christmas and that special time was spent with friends and loved ones.

We have now started a brand new term here at school – we are into the Spring Term. This is a relatively short term each year and is always a busy one.

Over the course of this term children will return to afterschool clubs, begin rehearsing for this year's school show, P7 children find out more information about their residential to Woodhall and parents will have the opportunity to take part in parent interviews and much more.

Please keep an eye on the school website and the school app for up-to-date information from me and keep using SeeSaw as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

## A Covid-19 Reminder

If your child has ANY symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send them to school. Please follow the Public Health Agency Guidelines and self-isolate and get tested. This will allow us to keep school / classes open for as many pupils as much as possible.

### If your child tests positive...

If you get the result during school hours, please call school immediately on 028 9335 1781.

If you get the result out of school hours, please e-mail school immediately on [info@victoriaps.carrickfergus.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@victoriaps.carrickfergus.ni.sch.uk)

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Principal

Mr C. Fulton

### Vice Principal and Special Needs Co- ordinator

Mrs L. Kernaghan

### Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

### Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

### Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

## I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Mr Clarke (Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Pastoral Lead).

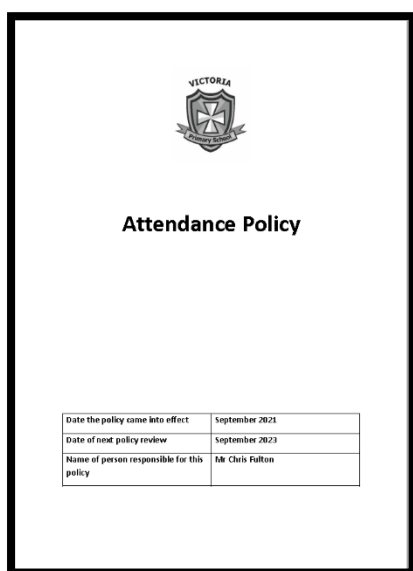


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## Policy of The Month

At parent interviews, the class teacher will have given a copy of our pastoral care policies to you (given to the eldest child in the family). Each month, moving forward, I am going to give you a bit of an oversight of 1 policy within school. This month I want to update you on our policy: **Attendance**.



This policy outlines the many different ways, in school, that we will support the pastoral care of your child with a focus on attendance. This policy directs school in managing attendance by:

- Informing parents of the importance of school attendance.
- Sharing what the procedure is should a child's attendance drop.
- Explaining the role of the Education Authority in managing attendance of children in school.

We all know the importance of good attendance at school – even though it is a little tricky this year. If we can help in managing the attendance of your child in any way, please get in touch. Please click on the image of the policy above to be taken to a copy of the Attendance Policy.

## **School Fund Contributions**

Many thanks to the parents / carers who have already sent in this year's school fund donation. If you have yet to send in your donation of £30 per family, and still intend on doing so, then please send it into school as soon as possible.



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We have planned to run the next round of parent interviews the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

For this week, children in P1 – P7 will finish school early to allow for these meetings to take place.

Kids Cave will only operate between 12noon – 2pm for this entire week.

For this round of interviews, we will only be operating via telephone. Unfortunately, given the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to have face to face parent interviews.

The class teacher will call you, at a set time, for your parent interview. Please be advised that this call is likely to come from an 'UNKNOWN CALLER'. After 10 minutes, the school bell will ring and the class teacher will need to end the interview in order to make an on time call to the next parent.

We look forward to having the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress.

VPS proudly present.....



Coming to a stage near  
you SOON!

Watch this space for more info!



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### Term Dates 2021 / 22

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>January</b>	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens for all pupils in P2 – P7. Nursery and P1 closed for Open Day. Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens for pupils in Nursery and P1.
<b>February</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b> Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> – Half Term <b>(School Closed)</b>
<b>April</b>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b> Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Easter Holidays <b>(School Closed)</b>
<b>May</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – <b>School Closed (Bank Holiday)</b> Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b>
<b>June</b>	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – <b>(School Closed – mixture of holiday dates and bank holidays)</b> Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Primary 7 children finish. Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> – School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays.

A few parents have asked about term dates for next year – 2022/23 academic year. At present, these dates have not yet been set. We are awaiting the Education Authority to set the term dates and, as soon as we get more information, we will let parents / carers know.