



# EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## September 2021 Newsletter

*It has been wonderful seeing all the pupils return to school this past week. They all look so smart in their uniforms. I extend a warm welcome to several new families who have joined #TeamEbrington. I trust that your child/ren have settled well and will enjoy their time with us and make continued progress.*

*The start of the year has gone as smoothly as possible, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both pupils and parents for helping to make this happen. We have made a few adjustments to how things operated at the end of last year. Pupils from Year 3-Year 7 and Speech & Language are all now back in the school dinner hall, pupils can bring their items to school daily. We plan to continue to make small adjustments as this term goes on. Hopefully, our after school and breakfast club will be up and running fully at some stage this term and all pupils should make a full return to the school dinner hall.*

### **Northern Ireland Centenary Fun Day**

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Northern Ireland, we have organised a fun afternoon for our pupils. Full Swing Entertainment will have a range of activities for pupils to try between 1:00-3:00pm on **Thursday 9 September**. Pupils will attend activities in their class bubbles and be supervised by school staff.



Caw/Nelson Drive Action Group &  
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The fun continues for the local community later in the day, when the entertainment will be available to those who live within the Nelson Drive/ Caw area. Anyone attending needs to have a ticket for this event, which can be sourced from Caw/ Nelson Drive Community Centre. Numbers for this must be limited due to current Covid restrictions.

### **Covid 19 cases**

It is inevitable that with the return to school, we are likely to see an increase in positive cases within our community. Schools have received further clarification on the management of positive cases in schools on Friday evening. The Parent Flowchart has been shared on the school website and has also been inserted on this newsletter. This gives advice if your child is identified as a close contact.

Like many of my principal colleagues, I have spent significant time this first weekend back working through close contacts with PHA and contacting parents. I have had confirmation, following conflicting information during the week, that a close contact pupil should be taking the Day 2 test and only return to school if NEGATIVE. However, the pupil can RETURN TO SCHOOL following the Day 8 test, prior to receiving the result. Also, if a pupil has had a positive result within the last 90 days, they are free to return to school without a PCR test, unless they display new symptoms.

I feel this is going to be a very challenging term in managing this, on top of trying to maintain everything else in school as normally as possible. On that note, I would like to make sure that we can keep our school/ parent partnership working as effectively as possible and maintain a high level of TRUST operating both ways.

We will continue a policy of parents notifying school of test results, either positive or negative, to [bguthrie493@c2ken.net](mailto:bguthrie493@c2ken.net). I TRUST parents will do the right thing and follow PHA guidance. If you are not in a position to have your child take a PCR test, then they should self-isolate for ten days.

## Car Park

I wish to pass on a huge THANK YOU to so many of you who have followed our updated guidance with regards parking off site. I know it places additional pressures of time in the morning for many families, but it has been fantastic to see the vast majority of parents keeping the lower area free for drop offs, pedestrians, staff cars, taxis and those with mobility issues who have previously contacted school-both in the morning and afternoon. Please continue to follow this guidance.

## Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Londonderry as the sole primary school within the area through the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. We look forward to welcoming the Lord Lieutenant during October for the official tree planting.



## Flowchart for PARENTS based on NI Direct website guidance

Only use for pupils in a school setting 03/09/2021

