Rights Respecting Schools

Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

"If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example with a foster family or in hospital) they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances."

In school, we work closely with may outside agencies to support and care for children who have been placed away from home.

School Closures for May 2019

Please remember that school will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 6th May** for the 1st Bank Holiday.

School will also be CLOSED on **Thursday 23rd May** for European Parliament Elections, **Friday 24th May** (Staff Development) and **Monday 27th May** (Bank Holiday).

Please ensure you have made alternative childcare arrangements for these days.

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Primary 1 placement letters

Our primary 1 placement letters will be posted to parents by first class mail on Thursday 9th May, you should have received a letter of acceptance from us on Friday 10th May. If after 10.05.19 you were expecting a P1 Placement Letter and it has not yet arrived, please ring the Office on 9084 8734 and Tracey or Kerrie will be happy to help.

Contact with teaching staff

Please remember that only in very exceptional circumstances are teachers available to speak with parents without an appointment before school or during teaching time. If you need to speak with a teacher, please ring the school Office to make an appointment – this means that we can schedule enough time to speak with parents rather than during very busy times of the day.

School Crossing Patrol Supervisor

As per recent correspondence this week, I am pleased to let you know that the Education Authority have successfully appointed a School Crossing Patrol Supervisor. The successful applicant will take up post soon.

Carpark & Turning Circle

Recently, some parents/carers of school have voiced concerns about adults parking cars inappropriately in school grounds e.g. double parking and blocking in other drivers. A lack of consideration to other users is frustrating. If there is no carpark space available, I respectfully ask you not to block in other drivers.

I have asked the PSNI to visit school over the coming weeks to help monitor the use of this facility.

We would like to draw your attention to, and thank you in advance, for observing the following:
1. If you have parked your car in school grounds, please walk to the usual collection point where the teacher will hand your child over to you.
2. Once a child is handed over to you we expect you to supervise your child in the school grounds. Please DO NOT let them run!
3. Please only park in carpark spaces – do not double park or park across zebra crossings.
4. All children and adults must walk on the footpaths NOT on the road.
5. Please show consideration to other drivers and pedestrians.

As a School we can NOT accept liability for driving/road accidents which happen in school grounds. As adults, it is your responsibility to ensure you drive and park carefully with due consideration for others and most importantly for the safety of our pupils.

Primary 4 to Cultra

P4 are visiting the Ulster Fold and Transport Museum, Cultra on Friday 10th May for a day excursion. A note about the trip as sent home earlier this week. We kindly request that payment for the outing is made online via SchoolMoney by **WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY.**

Diary Dates for Term 3, 2019

Date	Event
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8th May	Cool for School, P7 Photographs
Thursday 9th May	P6 Shared Education
Friday 10th May	P4 to Cultra Payment due for P1 for Streamvale Farm P2 to W5
Saturday 11th May	Ski Trip installment 3 due
Tuesday 14th May	P5 to Greenhill residential P1 to Streamvale Farm
Friday 17th May	P5 Shared Education Celebration Day
Thursday 23rd May	School closed for EU Elections
Friday 24th May	Staff Development Day – school closed
Wednesday 29th May	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 30th May	Mamma Mia dress rehearsal
Monday 3rd June	P3 Shared Education Celebration Day
Wednesday 5th June	Mamma Mia! Children will go home @ 1.30pm
Thursday 6th June	Mamma Mia! Children will go home @ 1.30pm
Monday 10th June	P6 to Ganaway
Tuesday 11th June	P6 to Ganaway
Wednesday 12th June	P6 return from Ganaway P7 Transition Post Primary Transition Programme
Thursday 13th June	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 17th June	Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 19th June	P1 Induction UK Parliament Workshops to school
Thursday 20th June	P1 Induction
Friday 21st June	Leavers Assembly
Friday 28th June	12.00pm finish for Summer

Please keep checking our Newsletter and website for updated events the this term, thank you!

School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

Monday 6th May **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**	**Tuesday 7th May** Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream
Wednesday 8th May BUFFET 2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon,1 Pizza Carrot sticks & Salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit	**Thursday 9th May** Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse & Fruit
Friday 10th May Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake	**HEALTHY BREAK** **P1-4, 30p per day** Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery

Concerns Procedure…

Occasionally, parents may have concerns or worries they wish to address with school. In such circumstances we ask parents to observe the following procedure…

1. Inform the class teacher by a phonecall, letter or make an appointment to speak with them. Most often issues are resolved at this stage.

2. Speak with Mrs Flaherty (Vice Principal).

3. If the issue is still not resolved speak with Mr Smith.