

OMAGH INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL
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28th August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Return to school – September 2024

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Friday 30th August.

NURSERY, PRE-SCHOOL AND YEAR 1

Parents, please remember that our youngest pupils will begin with a staggered intake, the details of which you will have received in June.

If you have any queries about any times and dates, please contact the office from 29th August onwards.

YEARS 2 TO 7

Pupils in Years 2 to 7 will resume from 8.45am on Friday 30th August. Remember, pupils can begin arriving from 8.30am and Breakfast Club operates from 8am (access via side door to hall).

ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION 2024

Pupils in Nursery, Pre-School and Years 1-3 should be accompanied to their classroom hub door each morning and (apart from Year 3), should be collected from the classroom hub door again each afternoon.

Please do not begin queuing for Years 1 and 2 before 8.30am or Nursery and Pre-School before 8.45am.

Pupils in Years 4-7 can make their way independently to their classroom hub door via the side gate, (to the left of the building).

Pupils should be collected as follows:

Class/Year	Collection Time	Location
Nursery/Pre-School	12.15pm	Classroom Hub Door
1	1.45pm	Classroom Hub Door
2	1.45pm	Classroom Hub Door

Class/Year	Collection Time	Location
3	2.45pm <i>Mon-Thurs</i>	Pupils will be brought to gate beside Nursery Mon-Thurs
	1.45pm <i>Friday</i>	On a Friday, pupils should be collected at THE HUB DOOR.
4	2.45pm	Main Entrance
5	2.45pm	Main Entrance
6	2.45pm	Main Entrance
6/7	2.45pm	Pathway to left of Main Entrance near Drumragh College
7	2.45pm	Pathway to left of Main Entrance near Drumragh College

PUNCTUALITY

It is vital that pupils arrive for school no later than 8.45am. This allows pupils time to settle in with their peers, get ready for the day ahead and get off to a positive start.

If your child is late, they must be accompanied to the main door and enter the school via this route as all hub doors will be closed.

BUS

Year 3-7 pupils arriving by bus will make their own way to class each morning. Years 1 and 2 pupils will be accompanied by a member of staff.

Pupils will be escorted to the bus each afternoon.

It is very important that pupils know if they are travelling home by bus or not. Where a pupil is unsure, we will arrange for them to wait and a parent will be contacted to arrange collection. Please confirm with your child each morning what the arrangements are for travelling home.

UNIFORM

School uniform is important and gives our pupils a sense of belonging. Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate uniform each day (including black shoes) and brings a coat to school each day.

Longer hair should be tied back.

Summer dresses (green and white) can still be worn, as can tailored shorts.

PE UNIFORMS

Our school PE uniform is available either online or in store via O'Neills.

This uniform is not compulsory. As an alternative, pupils can wear a plain white polo shirt and navy shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms. Trainers are required too, of course. Your child's teacher will soon let you know which day PE will take place each week. Pupils can wear their PE uniform under their school jumper on that day.

SCHOOLBAGS

Year 1 and 2 pupils will use Book Bags which can be bought through our uniform supplier, Selectkidz.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION

We are phasing out the use of our school app and using **Seesaw** for class AND whole school communication.

SEESAW

Your child's teacher will use Seesaw to communicate about class issues and to help you keep in touch with your child's learning.

This App may also be used in relation to homework or for gaining consent for trips etc. A QR code may be required or some classes to gain access to their "new" class. For other classes this may not be necessary.

Whole School messages will also be delivered via Seesaw from now on.

NOTE: We cannot guarantee that teachers will have the chance to check Seesaw during their teaching day. IF YOU NEED TO INFORM A TEACHER OF SOMETHING DURING THE DAY THAT IS TIME PRESSING, PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals remain at a cost of £2.60 per day, £13 per week. These should be ordered and paid for via the **School Money App**. Please book at the weekend where possible or before 12 midnight each night for the next day. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, their meal must still be booked using the app but no cost will be incurred.

Please note that we can only provide Free School Meals to those families who have registered via the Education Authority. If you have applied to EA for Free School Meals but have not yet had this confirmed, then you should send a packed lunch or pay for meals via the School Money App. Contact the office if you have any queries.

School Money App can be downloaded to your phone through **Eduspot**. Follow the instructions to set up, include your phone number and email address which will be used to send and receive messages about your dinner/breakfast club payments. A comprehensive guide, should you need it, is available on our website or phone the office for any problems should they arise.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We will be opening Breakfast Club again this year.

Please note this is only available to Nursery/Pre-School and Year 1 pupils **once they have begun full days and settled well into school.**

Breakfast Club now costs £1.20 per day, £6 per week, and can be booked and paid for via our School Money App.

SNACK

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a healthy snack such as fruit, yogurt, crackers etc

Remember that food containing nuts should NEVER be sent to school.

STAFFING

An update on our staffing arrangements for this year:

Class	Previous Class/Teacher	New Teacher
Pre S		Mrs Law
Nurs		Miss Curry
1		Miss Mallon
1		Mrs Ritchie
2	Miss Mallon	Mrs Young & Mrs Kelly
2	Mrs Ritchie	Miss Eccles
3	Mrs Young & Miss McSorley	Mrs O Kane & Mrs Kelly
3	Miss Eccles	Mrs Molloy
4	Mrs O Kane & Miss McSorley	Mrs J McKernan & Mrs D McKernan
4	Miss McNicholl	Miss McSorley
5	Mrs J McKernan & Mrs D McKernan	Mrs Howe & Mrs Wilson
6	Mrs Howe & Mrs Wilson	Mrs Mc Garvey & Mrs Dolan
6/7	Mrs McGarvey	Miss Ewing
7	Mrs Waring/Mr Beattie	Mrs Taggart & Mrs Kelly

Welcome **Mrs Amy Kelly**, **Mrs Denise Dolan** and **Mrs Megan Molloy** who have joined the teaching staff this year, as well as **Miss Amy Ewing** who is teaching Year 6/7 until Mrs Waring returns from maternity leave.

CONTACT INFORMATION

It is vitally important that we have accurate and up to date contact information for parents and carers.

Shortly you will receive our SIMS form to update our records. Please check this, amend it, sign, and return to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Gavin Gallagher
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