



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

## **WELCOME BACK**

A huge welcome back is extended to all our pupils throughout the school, with a particular welcome to our new pupils commencing Primary One. We hope that everyone will have an enjoyable and rewarding year ahead!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **SCHOOL TIMES**

School starts for all classes at 9am. The back gate will be opened every morning at 8.50am and closed when classes start. It is essential that the children arrive to school on time and are seated in their classrooms for 9am.

All school arrivals and school pickups should take place at the back entrance of the school via the Church carpark. **Please note only children who are attending the morning club or who are arriving by bus should enter the school via the front entrance.** As always, we ask that when arriving and exiting the carpark you drive slowly and consider that children are making their way in or out of the school.

Should you need to collect a child during the school day please come to the main entrance of the school and your child will be brought to you. *Thankyou in advance!*

### **MORNING CLUB PROVISION**

The morning club operates daily from 8.15am at a cost of £2 per child per day. (*no booking is required*) Please note children attending the morning club should use the front entrance of the school and make their way to the school hall.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -2024/2025**

A list of the school holidays has been updated and is available on the school website under the PARENTS tab.

### **REMINDER - P1 STARTING DATES**

To help progression into school life and routine we ask that during the month of September the P1 children be collected at the following times:

- **Start date - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 12 noon**
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - 2.00pm** (*Please note the children will need dinner money or a packed lunch from this date – details of this to follow*)

### **AFTER SCHOOLS (P1-P3 Bridging Club)**

The daily afterschool bridging club (2pm-3pm) will commence on **Monday 2nd September** at a cost of £2 per child per day. This provision is only available for children who have older siblings in P4-P7. If you are using this club, please send in an envelope with the days needed and payment included on a Monday to the class teacher.

Please note P1 children can use this club from **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

The cost of dinner money is **£2.60 per day** and **£13.00 per week**. Please send all monies to school in a clearly labelled envelope (name of child and class) every Monday to avoid unnecessary confusion.

**The dinner menu for September 2025 can be found on the school's website under the PARENTS tab.**

## **HEALTHY EATING POLICY**

We operate a healthy eating policy at break time. Please ensure your child/ children bring fruit or vegetables with either milk or water. Please note, this does not include yoghurts, processed fruits, breakfast bars or sandwiches. Though this policy **does not** operate at lunchtime, we would encourage healthy options for those children who bring packed lunches.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A huge thank-you for your support by ensuring the children are wearing the appropriate school uniform. The uniform has been updated with the new digital crest, but it is still acceptable to wear the old crest. We understand that it will take several years for the new style to be integrated fully. **Please ensure that all clothing is labelled to avoid unnecessary confusion.**

**The children are allowed to wear the PE uniform to school on the days that they have PE. The uniform is:**

- Navy shorts or Moy GAA/sports shorts (*please note sports shorts can only be worn on PE days*)
- **OR** navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings/Moy GAA bottoms
- School blue polo shirt
- School jumper
- Trainers

## **MOBILE NUMBERS**

Anyone who has changed their mobile numbers over the summer holidays is asked to notify the school to ensure that our records are up to date and that the school text messages are going to the correct number.

## **BIRTHDAY INVITES/TREATS**

It is school policy that party invitations or birthday treats/cakes will not be distributed during the school day on behalf of parents/children.

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

St. John's is a nut free school so please ensure that all food sent to school is nut free. Thank-you!

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

The last Friday of each month will be a non-uniform day organised by the Parent Support Group. Children are asked to bring in £1.00 as a contribution to school funds. Reminders of this will be sent out later in the month.

## **TIN WHISTLE LESSONS – P1-P4**

The P4-P7 children participate in tin whistle lessons and they should have a D whistle. Thank-you!

## **EA - FREE SCHOOL MEALS/UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals/Uniform allowance, you can complete an online application. Please refer to further information on the homepage of the school's website or contact the Free School Meals Helpdesk – **028 90 418044** or email **[mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk](mailto:mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk)**

## **SAFEGUARDING**

- **Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Mrs McKnight**
- **Deputy Designated Teacher for Child protection – Mrs Hughes**



## **P7 PARENTS - POST PRIMARY TRANSFER – SEAG ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT**

Registration for the assessment will close on **Friday 20th September 2024 @ 11.59am**. If you wish your child to complete the Entrance Assessment you **must** register him/her on the portal within the SEAG website ([www.seagni.co.uk](http://www.seagni.co.uk)). Each application requires an administration fee of £20.