

St. Michael's Primary School, Killean

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am sure, like ourselves, you are on the countdown until the beginning of term. Below, I have outlined a few key points and reminders to help you get organised for the return to school. Children from P.2 to P.7 will return on Thursday 29th August from 8:45 until 12 noon. There will be no dinners/lunch provided on this day. Their first full day is Monday 2nd September. P.1 children have been given their own separate start dates.

School Day Structure

8:45am - Drop off

8:55am - Lessons begin

2:00pm - P1, 2 & 3 School ends *P3 will stay in until 3pm during the last half term.

3:00pm - P4, 5, 6 & 7 School ends *School finishes at 2pm for all pupils on Fridays.

Drop off

Staff will continue to be located at each pedestrian entrance. We will be operating a drop and go service from 8:45am. Children can be dropped off on the school grounds. There is a turning circle for safe drop off in the school grounds. Please **do not** park at the main school gate.

The Kelly's Road gate will operate as normal. If children are late, they will have to use the walkway after 8:55am and access the school through the reception.

Pick Up

Please pick up your child promptly at home time from their classroom door. Teachers have other duties at the end of day.

Breakfast club

To help support working parents, we will continue to operate breakfast club from 8:15am on Monday 2nd September in the hall. Children will receive cereal, toast, and a drink for breakfast. You will be able to book your place through the School Money app. Breakfast Club costs £2 per child per day. It is free of charge for children entitled to Free School Meals. Under no circumstances are parents permitted to enter the hall, please walk your child to the door.

Clubs

Please keep an eye on the school website/APP for starting dates for clubs.

Break time snack

Children are to bring their own healthy break and bottle of water to school. This must be one piece of fruit to help follow our Healthy Eating Policy. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please contact Mr McAteer.

Uniform

Children must wear their full school uniform. PE uniform may only be worn on allocated PE days. Our school uniform is available to purchase from McEvoy's and Daisy in Newry and our PE Uniform is available to purchase through Playr-Fit at certain times of the year.

Children should wear plain navy trousers. Branded tracksuits **are not** part of the school uniform. Leggings **are not** part of the school uniform. Plain black footwear with no visible white must be worn with formal school uniform.

For health and safety reasons, all long hair must be tied back, nail varnish is not permitted, and children cannot wear jewellery except a watch and stud earrings.

FSM and Uniform Support

Current eligible families and new applicants must reapply for Free School Meal support online via the EA website.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is available to assist parents and guardians who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday - Friday from 9am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk. The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is 028 9041 8044.

Second hand uniforms are available from the school office. Please ask a member of staff to assist you if you would like to avail of one.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C McAteer