

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection/Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Miss Morrow

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Wells

School Governor: Mrs H Apsley

The new school term is underway. It is great to have the children back. Primary 2 – 7 have settled back in and are already back into the swing of things. This was the first day for our new Primary One children. We send them a very warm welcome and we hope they have enjoyed their first day.

Useful Information

School Text Service

We will continue to send out information via our text service. Please ensure you keep your details updated. Should there be a positive case of Covid, we will initially contact you by text.

Newsletter

A weekly Newsletter will be put on the website on a Friday. Please read these as this is our main way of communicating with you.

Child Protection

A reminder that if you have any child protection concerns, please contact Miss Morrow (Designated Teacher) or in her absence Mrs Wells/ Mrs Ellison.

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

The teachers have all updated their contact details on the Home Learning Section of our website. Please use their school email addresses to contact them. You can also phone the school and leave a message with Mrs Wilson and the teacher will contact you as soon as possible.

TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID

During school hours, should your child test positive for Covid, please inform us by telephoning the school **immediately** 02828260617.

Out of school hours (evening or weekends) please inform Miss Morrow by email (lmorrow225@c2kni.net). If your child tests positive for Covid they **MUST ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS** as advised by the PHA.

IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

Your child could be identified as a close contact of a positive case, for example if a member of their household, a member of their class bubble, a member of a sports club or someone from an event they have attended, tests positive. If your child is identified as a close contact, they should isolate and you should arrange for them to have a PCR test. **IT MUST BE A PCR TEST AS OPPOSED TO A LATERAL FLOW TEST.** In order to book an appointment at a

test centre or to order a PCR kit online please visit
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

Where the test result is positive, the rest of the bubble, including any staff, will follow context specific guidance provided by PHA. All members of the class bubble MUST isolate until they get a PCR test.

If the test is negative the child/ member of staff can return to school. A further PCR test should be taken on the 8th day. Like last term, we require confirmation of the negative tests to be sent to school before your child returns.

If your child shows any symptoms following a negative test, a further PCR test should be sought. If any of the tests are positive, then PHA advice must be followed with regard to isolation.

In the event that your child tests positive and is unable to attend school, we will arrange for work to be sent home each afternoon, via email.

NOTE: if your child or a member of staff refuses to have a PCR test, they will not be allowed in school until after a 10 day isolation period has been completed.

Illness

Once again I urge you to err on the side of caution if your child is ill. It is much better to get your child tested for Covid than to send them to school. Remember children should be clear of vomiting/ diarrhoea for 48 hours before returning to school.

Free School Meals

Meals will be available from Wednesday 1st September. A packed lunch should be brought to school on Monday and Tuesday. Meals will only be available for those children on our list from Education Authority.

Contact Details / Family Circumstances

If any of your contact details change it is important to let us know asap. If your family circumstances change or there is anything that would affect your child in school, please let us know so we can keep an extra eye.

Homework (beginning Mon 6th September)

Homework will be placed in the Home Learning Section of the website. Please check this daily. Each teacher will let you know what they would like the children to do. Work to be completed eg. worksheets/ reading books, will be sent home on Monday afternoon. We are continuing to limit the movement of materials from school to home and vice versa. No homework should be sent into school. Reading books should only be returned on a Thursday, this allows for these to be quarantined over the weekend.

Items coming from home into school should only be sent into school on a Thursday.

VERY IMPORTANT

“We are a Nut Aware School”

As a school we need your help to keep all our children safe. We have a child in Primary 1 who has a life threatening allergic reaction to nuts. To keep them as safe as possible,

please do not send any food stuffs which contain nuts or traces of nuts eg. cereal bars, Nutella, Kinder Buenos etc

We would also ask that if your child has any cereal containing nuts or Nutella etc at breakfast, that you ensure their hands are washed before coming to school.

Even if your child is not in P1, we need your help with this.

School Times

From Monday 30th August

Class	Drop off	Pick Up
P1	8.55	11.50am (until 10 th Sept) 1.50pm
P2 and P3	8.35am	1.55pm
P4	8.40am	2.50pm
P5/6	8.40am	2.55pm
P7	8.45am	3.00pm

FRIDAY EARLY PICK UP TIMES P4 - 7

Class	Drop off	Pick Up
P1 (from 17 th Sept)	8.55am	1.50pm
P2 and P3	8.35am	1.55pm
P4	8.40am	2.00pm
P5/6	8.40am	2.05pm
P7	8.45am	2.10pm

School Year 2021 - 2022

School commences on Wednesday 25th August 2021

Term 1 Wednesday 25th August 2021 – Tuesday 21st December 2021

School Development Day Friday 1st October 2021 (school closed)

Holidays

Half Term Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October (inclusive)

Christmas Wednesday 22nd December – Monday 3rd January 2022 (inclusive)

Term 2 Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022 (inclusive)

Easter Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022 (inclusive)

Term 3 Monday 25th April – Thursday 30th June 2022

May Day Monday 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank
Holiday Thursday 2nd June 2022

Platinum
Jubilee Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June 2022

School holiday Monday 6th June 2022

School closes on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12 noon.

This is the plan for the school year 2021 / 2022, which is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes to the above dates in good time. School Development Days will be organised and you will be informed of these dates in good time, or of any changes to the above date.

Please note: School Development Day Friday 1st October 2021 has been added to the School Holiday Chart.

C L Morrow
Principal

27th August 2021