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## ***Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School***

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration***

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Dear Parents,

### **POST PRIMARY ADMISSIONS for SEPTEMBER 2025**

EA Connect is now open for P7 parents to complete their child's application for admission to post-primary schools. Parents should ensure they include at least 4 school preferences in their selection (including at least 1 non-grammar option) and ensure they refer to the school's criteria in their application. Any supporting documentation should also be uploaded to EA Connect.

Applications will close at 12noon on 20<sup>th</sup> February '25. Further information and a post-primary guide are available on the school website. Individual interviews with Ms McAuley are taking place this week and next and we encourage parents to contact the school if you require any further assistance.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION: JANUARY 25**

Parents and guardians are invited to participate in our consultation on the issue of school uniform. (Links can be found on the school website).

At present the Department of Education are considering views concerning school uniform, with legislation likely to follow. In preparation for this and to allow consideration of our school uniform policy, we very much hope you will take the opportunity to share your views through the survey below.

Parents may click on the link, where there are approx 20 questions to consider. The survey will be available until 19th February 2025 and views will be shared when they are collated.

### **Parent Interviews Reminder:**

Parent-Teacher interviews take place next week from Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> until Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb from 1pm-3pm. On these days school will finish for all pupils at 1pm. Transport will run at the earlier time for those pupils who travel by bus. Parents should advise their childcare providers of the earlier finish. We look forward to welcoming you to school as you meet with your child's class teacher.



### **School Money**

At present we accept cash only for parents to make payments for school dinners, Stay & Play, trips, etc. It would be a longer-term intention to become cashless and to have an online payment system for parents.

Until a new system is implemented, we would be grateful for your help and support when money is being sent to school. To

record money received accurately and to assist everyone who handles cash in school, we ask that money is sent into school in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked with the child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for. (please see examples below)

John Smith, P1B, School dinner (for Mon 3/2/25), £2.60 or  
Sarah Brown, P2H, Breakfast Club (3-5<sup>th</sup> Feb) £4.50  
Peter Black, P7Y, Swimming, £1.90

Some Dates for your Diary

Children's Mental Health Week : Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February

Half-term holidays: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Individual/ family Photographs: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Principal