



Kilbroney Integrated Primary School

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27th August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a well-deserved summer break.

After the success of the Summer Scheme we have been preparing for the new school year, which will hopefully begin to see the return of a more 'normal' school day. A letter from the Education Minister has been posted on the school website to provide more information regarding the latest guidance. For the safety of our children, we are still operating within protective bubbles until the Halloween break. We will continue to encourage adults to social distance and use face coverings where social distancing is not possible. Parents/ visitors also need to continue to wear a face covering when entering the school building.

The School Day

All children will return to school on **Wednesday 1st of September**. The school will open for pupils from 8.50am for a 9.00am start. Pupils will make their way from the main school gate to the lower gate where they will be met by their teacher. **We still ask that adults remain at the main school gates when dropping off and collecting the children, whilst following safe social distancing rules.** Please note that any child arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office.

The school day will end at 1.45pm for the Primary 1 to 3 pupils, 2.45pm for those getting the school bus and a staggered home time for Primary 4 to 7 as outlined below. There is a waiting class available for Primary 1-3 at 1.45pm (available to Primary 1 from Monday 13th September), please contact the office for more information. At the end of the school day, teachers will bring their classes to the lower school gate where pupils will then walk to meet parents at the main gate.

Primary 1 will begin at 9.30am until Friday 10th of September and end at 12 noon until Monday 13th September.

Time	
8.50am	School Opens for Pupils
9.00am	Registration
1.45pm	Home Time - Primary 1-3
2.45pm	School Bus Departs
2.55pm	Home Time – Primary 4 & 5
3.00pm	Home Time – Primary 6 & 7
3.00pm to 4.00pm	After School Clubs P5-7

Holiday List

You will find the 2021/2022 holiday list on the school website within the parent's area. The letter contains two parts, key dates and a school year calendar. Please keep up to date with the website to follow more detailed information regarding school events.

Break, Lunch and Hot Meals

We ask for your continued support on encouraging healthy snacks for break and lunch time. No fizzy drinks will be permitted in the school, but we encourage each child to have a water bottle of **still water** to sip throughout the day. Please ensure that the pupils take their bottles home daily and are clearly labelled.

Hot meals are available to all children from Wednesday 1st September. Dinners currently costs £2.60 per day or £13 per week. The menu will be uploaded to the school website and we encourage you to pay via the 'Parent Pay' app.

Please note that we have children with nut allergies in the school, therefore, no nut or nut products are permitted in school. Pupils who are bringing in a packed lunch/break can continue to use a lunchbox. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled and contains a healthy balanced meal/snack. Alongside cutting down the school's paper usage, we kindly ask for your support in reducing packaging waste and single use plastics when preparing breaks/lunch.

Hygiene

Children will continue to wash and sanitise their hands throughout the school day. Hand sanitising material will be made available at each entrance point to the school and classroom. Pupils are encouraged to bring their own labelled hand sanitiser to stay in school as well as a pack of tissues to encourage our "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach.

School Dress Code

School uniform must be worn at all times. The school uniform consists of: our school polo shirt, sweatshirt, black trainers/school shoes, navy skirt or trousers (boys and girls). Navy tights or shorts may be worn with skirts. **It is important that the children follow the school dress code.** We also ask that leggings are not to be worn on non PE days.

On the days that your child has PE, we ask that the children come to school wearing their PE kit. This consists of: a school crested navy t-shirt (new design available, please check the website), navy shorts or plain navy tracksuit bottoms, our school sweatshirt and navy/black trainers. **No football shirts or heavily branded tracksuit bottoms are to be worn.** The PE timetable is shown below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Primary 6 Primary 7	Primary 1/2 Primary 2/3 Primary 4	Primary 4 Primary 5 Primary 6	Primary 2/3 Primary 5	Primary 1/2 Primary 7

Coloured nail polish or highlighted hair is not part of our school dress code. Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of wristwatches. If you have any queries regarding uniform or our school dress code, please contact the office.

School bags/Stationery

The updated guidance has indicated that school bags can still be used to allow pupils to carry equipment to and from school. We ask that all pupils from Primary 2 to 7 bring a fully equipped pencil case with them on the first day. Suggested stationary items include: pencils, rubber, enclosed sharpener, ruler, pritt stick, colouring pencils and a highlighter (Primary 5 to 7). Primary 5 to 7 will also require handwriting pens and 30cm rulers. Primary 1 to 3 will require Crayola Twistable colouring crayons.

Homework

Homework will begin on **Monday 13th September**. This allows the teacher time to assess pupil levels and reading groups. The homework will be posted on the school portal and any practical resources or workbooks will be given out each Monday. Homework is to return to school completed each Thursday to be marked for the following week. We have purchased a great number of online programmes such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Bug club to reinforce learning at home.

Absence/Queries

If a child is unable to attend school, please contact the school in the morning. This can be through a phone call (followed by a note of absence on the child's return) or alternatively an email which can be found on the website or at the bottom of this letter.

If you have any queries, please contact the school via telephone or the via the school email address and not the school teacher directly. This way your queries will be dealt with more swiftly.

More information regarding after school clubs, breakfast club and upcoming events will be posted later in the term.

If you need clarification on any of the points above, please contact the school office. We will be continuing to review our procedures in line with any new guidance provided and you will be kept up to date with any changes made. I look forward to this new start and seeing all of the children return on Wednesday.

Yours Faithfully



M Thompson
(Acting Principal)