

# TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL



6 Tildarg Road, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim, BT39 9JU

Principal: Mrs K.S. Dickson B.Ed Hons, P.Q.H

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The past few months have been very difficult for us all and I want to thank you for your support and understanding during lockdown. We have all had to adapt to a new way of working and learning and we commend you for the work you have done with your child/ren.

- The new school year will begin for **all pupils** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.
- The school day will end at 12.30pm in the **first week** (24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August) and so **children will not have lunch** in school.
- School meals and school transport will commence on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Details of drop off/collection points and times are below. Please note the **staggered collection** times: P1 – P4 will leave first; and P5 – P7 will leave 10 minutes later. Revised collection times will be shared in advance.

Class	Teacher	Class Entrance	Drop off	Collection
P1/P2	Mrs C. McClay <a href="mailto:cmccclay243@c2kni.net">cmccclay243@c2kni.net</a>	Rear door (old entrance)	8.45 – 9am	12.30pm
P3/P4	Miss E. McCullough <a href="mailto:emccullough432@c2kni.net">emccullough432@c2kni.net</a>	Steps into playground outside classroom	8.45 – 9am	12.30pm
P5/P6	Miss J. Wright <a href="mailto:jwright448@c2kni.net">jwright448@c2kni.net</a>	Miss Wright's mobile	8.45 – 9am	12.40pm
P7	Mrs K. Dickson <a href="mailto:kdickson628@c2kni.net">kdickson628@c2kni.net</a> Miss L. Cunningham	Front door from Tildarg Road	8.45 – 9am	12.40pm

Each class will remain with the same teacher throughout the day and will not change teachers in the afternoon (a Bubble). The exception is P7, who will have two teachers in their bubble (this is unavoidable). There will be regular cleaning throughout the day and hand sanitiser will be available at each class entrance / exit. There will be staggered break and lunch times, and classes will not be brought together for activities e.g. assembly, clubs etc. There will be no after school clubs or visitors coming into school initially. There will be **no breakfast club or afterschool club**.

Schoolbags should be used, and only essential items should be brought in these. Please ensure **all items** including coat, can fit in your child's school bag when inside. Pupils may bring their own hand sanitiser to school, and there will be **no sharing of items**. Pupils should wear their school uniform (summer uniform, green polo-shirt and jumper if needed) and this should be cleaned for every day. If required, you may alternate between the school uniform and the P.E kit.



## RESTART PLANS

If a child in school starts to feel unwell, they will be taken to the isolation room to await pick-up. If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, e.g. loss of smell, new and persistent cough, a high temperature (anything from 38°C or above), they **should not be brought to school**. The same applies if anyone in the household / someone you have been in direct contact with has symptoms of COVID-19. The household and those in contact with the household will be required **to self-isolate** as per the official guidelines.

To help prevent spread and reduce the risk of infection we will be putting other measures in place:

- Please ensure communication is via telephone or email
  - o If this is in relation to attendance, illness, homework or class work, please email the class teacher directly
  - o If your query is in relation to something else, please email the school info@ account ([info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk)).
- We would ask that payments be limited. Please pay for school meals via cheque.
- Pupils should keep a safe distance from each other at all times where possible.

Please note: We will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August as this is a harmonised holiday. As the pupils have started 2 days earlier than planned, we will be taking 2 days' holiday at another time in the year. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

The Government will be creating a leaflet for parents / guardians in relation to restart and the importance of following COVID-19 guidelines, which will be distributed when available.

This guidance is subject to change, at short notice. We look forward to having the boys and girls back in school again. It will be good for all of us to be back together and for face-to-face teaching and learning to resume.

Mrs K. Dickson

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