

Friday 28th August 2020

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of the school may I welcome back all our pupils and give a special welcome to our new pupils and their families. It's wonderful to see our pupils back after such a long time away and they are looking so well in their school uniform. We would request that **all items** of clothing and equipment brought to school are clearly labelled, and that only essential items are brought.

Please read the following information carefully and reply where necessary as soon as possible.

SCHOOL TIMES (Commencing Tuesday 1st September 2020) -

- Drop off P1-P7 8.45-9am
- Collection P1-P4 1.50pm and P5-P7 2pm

No child is to be on the school premises before 8.45am as there will be NO supervision before this time!

Class Entrance to the school will continue as per communication dated 11th August 2020. The Playground Gate will be relocked at 9am each day. If you need to arrive later, e.g. due to an appointment, please drop your child off at the 'Front Gate' of the school. Phone into school to make us aware when you arrive. A staff member will be sent to greet your child. Please send your child to the 'Front Door', when an adult comes.

To save embarrassment and interruption to lessons, please make sure your children are **punctual**.

Please note: Tildarg Lane must be kept free of traffic at all times.

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2020 - BANK HOLIDAY.

FROM TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2020:

School Dinners and Taxi details as follows:

Dinners - **£2.60 per day**, Dinner money for the week should be brought on a **Monday** morning, payment by cheque only, made payable to Education Authority NER
Dinners will consist of packed lunches for 2 weeks and then this will be re-assessed.

Taxi - Transport begins Tuesday 1st September.
Pupils will be collected at the 'Front of the school' at 2pm

Breakfast Club & After School Club - These clubs will not be running due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Date for these to commence to be advised.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/TRANSPORT:

If you think you may be entitled to these, please contact the Education Authority North Eastern Region, as soon as possible.

- Even if your child DOES NOT always eat school dinners, the **school budget benefits immensely** from each successful application awarded by the Board.

TODDLER GROUP: Unfortunately due to COVID-19 our Toddler Group will not be operating this Term.
Date for this to commence to be advised.

IMPORTANT FORMS:

- Each Form will be emailed from school next week to be completed electronically and then emailed back to Mrs Coulter via mcoulter089@c2kni.net. Please return all of the forms in the one email and as soon as possible, along with any other forms necessary e.g. AM2 Form (required should your child need medication).

- Acceptable Use of Internet and Digital Technology Policy can be accessed on the website under 'Parents' & 'Policies'. Please read this document and sign the relevant page/s. Pupils in KS1 and KS2 will be asked to sign their page in school, but if you could discuss this with your child in advance and please sign the parent page also.

MUSIC LESSONS: Currently we will not be having any visitors in school, which means there will be no music lessons held in school for the meantime. We will update you when lessons may resume. I have been asked to pass on the contact details of our piano and guitar teachers should you wish to arrange something outside school.

Piano Teacher (Louise McIlhagger) Tel: 07800 787289 - Email: louisemcilhagger@hotmail.com

Guitar Teacher (Steven Johnston) Tel: 07968 669542 - Email: sajj81@hotmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: For now there will also be no after school activities e.g. Spanish Club etc. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this. We are doing this to keep you, our pupils and staff as safe as possible.



TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365: To assist with moving forward, we would request that all pupils avail of the free download of Microsoft Office 365. Instructions on how to do this can be found on our website, under 'Parents' - 'Documents'.

MY SCHOOL: We would also ask that your child starts to become familiar with accessing their school documents from home. This can be done by searching for 'My School' on the internet or by typing in <https://www.c2kschools.net>. A help sheet will be created to assist you with this shortly.

CONTACTING SCHOOL:

To reduce interruption to teaching, please try to contact school within the following times: **8.30-8.50am and 2.00-4.00pm, except in an emergency.**

Outside these times, please leave your name, number, time and date with your short message, and your query will be dealt with as soon as possible.

ABSENCE NOTES:

When a child is absent, each teacher must fill in a code on our computer system to explain the reason for the absence. This information is entered daily, so after each absence, please fill in the absence slip and email this to your child's class teacher on their first day back to school. A copy of this is available on the school website. Please avoid any handwritten notes.

AQE REGISTRATION: Closing date Friday 25th September 2020 at 4.00pm

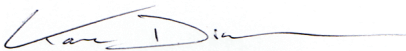
BEST WISHES TO MRS L. STEWART AND MRS CLOSE:

Unfortunately we have two members of staff who have left Tildarg Primary. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Close. They were both very valued members of our Team and will be greatly missed. We do however wish them well in their new jobs. We hope Mrs Stewart enjoys her time as Principal of Silverstream Primary and that Mrs Close enjoys working with her pupil in Fairview Primary. We will also sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Parker today. We want to thank her for standing in for Mr Gilmore in his absence and for all her hard work.

END OF SCHOOL:

I would ask that when children leave school they remain with an adult at all times for their safety, adhere to social distancing and avoid mixing with other family groups.

Thank you for your help and support in all the above matters. I hope you managed to have a pleasant, Summer holiday and that you will all continue to stay safe and well in these difficult times.



Mrs K. S. Dickson
(Principal)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **AQE Registration Closes**
25/09/20 (Fri)
- **Travelling Book Fair**
21/09/20—25/09/20

REMINDERS

- Data Collection and Permission forms to be returned to school as soon as possible
- Trophies won in June 2019 to be returned as soon as possible.
- Follow us on Twitter @TildargPrimary
- Check out our school website www.tildargps.co.uk
- Follow us using the Schools NI App
- Follow our PTA on Facebook : Tildarg Primary School PTA



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