

# TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write this letter to you hoping that you are all keeping well in these worrying and difficult times. As you will have heard already, **school will reopen to our P1-P3 pupils for face-to-face teaching on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.** Remote learning will continue for those in classes P4-P7.

This face-to-face teaching will only last for a period of 2 weeks, and will end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. P1-P3 will then return to remote learning for the last week of Term 2.2 (Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March), up to Easter Break.

To request supervised learning for your child in any week up to Easter break, please click on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-yeCOETeDkaBkAVAK4mNqI4pgG7BKfZMniyFU4MOti5UNDIzU0xPQTgxUFVMUkpTRExXWE1IRT YzRS4u>

This form must be completed no later than Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm, to enable planning of staff rotas.

\*If your circumstances change and you need to cancel, amend or add to your supervision request (after the closing date of the form), you must contact the principal via email [info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk), as soon as possible, and no later than Thursday 2pm of the week before you require the supervision:

Drop off/Collection points and times will be the same as they were on the return in August 2020, and are noted again below for your convenience.

| Class                        | Teacher  | Class Entrance  | Drop off time                    | Collection time   |
|------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| P1/2                         | Mrs. C. McClay<br><a href="mailto:cmccloy243@c2kni.net">cmccloy243@c2kni.net</a>             | Rear door<br>(old entrance)                                   | 8:45 - 9am                       | 1.50pm            |
| P3                           | Miss E. McCullough<br><a href="mailto:emccullough432@c2kni.net">emccullough432@c2kni.net</a> | Playground steps near<br>P3/4 classroom (end of<br>extension) | 8.45 - 9am                       | 1.50pm            |
| Supervised Key Worker Pupils | Assistant will supervise   | Front door  | From 8.45am<br>to requested time | No later than 2pm |

P1/2 and P3 will remain with the same adults throughout each day, and thus will **create their own safety 'Bubbles', as before.** There will be split break and lunch times to ensure there is no overlap of P1-P3 with those in school for supervised learning. There will be the regular cleaning throughout the day, as before, and **hand sanitiser** will be available at each class entrance/exit, along with **temperature checks upon entry** to school, for **all pupils and adults.**

There will still be **no breakfast or afterschool clubs** running in school at this time.

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**Schoolbags** should be **used**, and only **essential items** should be **brought** in these, as before. Please only send in the books that your child will need to ensure that everything (except their coat) will fit into their school bag. **Children should wear their school uniform** (still their summer uniform - green polo-shirt and jumper) and this should be cleaned for each day, if possible.

**All pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch to school** for this two week period, as the hall is being used for key worker pupil supervision.

**If your child, or anyone in the household has any COVID-19 symptoms, or has been in direct contact with someone who has these symptoms** e.g. loss of smell, new and persistent cough, or a high temperature (anything from around 38°C or above), **they should not be brought to school**. The household and those in contact with the household will be required to **self-isolate for at least ten days**, as per current official guidelines.

**If your child starts to feel unwell** when in school, they will be taken to the isolation room to await pick-up. Your child **will need picked up as soon as possible** if this is the case, please.

To continue to keep our school building as safe as possible for all those who attend, we request that parents do not enter the school building, unless in exceptional circumstances. All communication should be via telephone or email - **no written notes please**.

We ask that you **remind your children of the importance of hand washing**, not borrowing other people's equipment / books, and the **need for social distancing** (as much as is possible). We have been told by the Government to request that **parents observe this social distancing at drop off and particularly at pick-up times** (when more parents will be in the school grounds at the same time). This is when there is higher risk of COVID-19 spreading between households, and then throughout our school. We ask that where possible, **only one household member** come to the playground to **pick-up each pupil** (we understand this isn't always possible if you have younger children in the car). If you have to bring someone with you we ask that you keep them with you at all times. **Please keep at least 2m between you and other households**. These measures are for your own safety, and we don't want to see any of our families having to watch a loved one suffer from this virus.

This guidance is subject to change, at short notice. We look forward to having some of our boys and girls back in school again. It will be nice to see their smiling faces and I hope they enjoy being back with their friends and teachers again. Plans for after Easter are yet to be confirmed.

Mrs. K. Dickson  
(Principal)