

TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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

18th March 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As all pupils resume face-to-face teaching on Monday 22nd March, we would like to remind you of the safety measure we have in place to manage the risks of COVID-19.

A reminder of drop off/collection points and times are below.

Class	Teacher	Class Entrance	Drop off	Collection
P1/P2	Mrs C. McClay cmccclay243@c2kni.net	Rear door (old entrance)	8.45 – 9am	1.50pm
P3/P4	Miss E. McCullough emccullough432@c2kni.net	Fire exit door near P3/4 classroom, in playground	8.45 – 9am	1.50pm
P5/P6	Miss J. Wright jwright448@c2kni.net	Miss Wright's mobile	8.45 – 9am	2.00pm
P7 & Taxi	Mrs K. Dickson kdickson628@c2kni.net Miss L. Cunningham	Front door (Tildarg Road entrance),	8.45 – 9am	2.00pm

Where possible we will do our best to send out pupils from P5-P7 at 1.50pm, along with younger siblings, to save parents waiting about.

Each class will remain with the same teacher throughout the day and will not change teachers in the afternoon (thus forming a Bubble). 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 activities, **no breakfast club or afterschool club (P1-P3)**.

School meals and transport will be available from **Monday 22nd March**. The menu for school meals will be available on our school website shortly.

Schoolbags should be used (as before), and **only essential items** should be brought in these. Please ensure all items can fit in your child's school bag, as **only one bag** should be brought by **each child**. Pupils should bring their own hand sanitiser to school and should wear their school uniform (summer uniform: green polo-shirt and jumper).

If a **child in school starts to feel unwell**, 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. **If your child**, or anyone in the household **has any COVID 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.



RESTART 22nd March

To continue to keep our school building as safe as possible, the following measures will be in place:

- Please ensure communication is via telephone or email (**no written notes please**)
 - 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).
- Any payments should be **paid via cheque**, where at all possible please, e.g. school meals.
- **Parents** are asked **not to enter the school building**, unless in exceptional circumstances.

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**, and **wear a face mask**. These measures are for your own safety, as 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 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. We thank you all for your support with remote learning over the past few months.

Reminder: School will be closed to pupils for Easter break from Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April (inclusive).

Mrs K. Dickson
(Principal)