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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please keep this newsletter in a safe place. It will only be issued to the eldest or only child. A copy of this Newsletter can be found on our school website:

<https://www.stpetersstpaulsforeglen.com/>

WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school for a new school year of learning and enjoyment. I would like to welcome our new primary 1 children to St Peter's and St Paul's. Thank you parents/guardians for helping get your child ready - they all look so smart in their new school uniforms.

I wish everyone associated with St Peter's and St Paul's a very happy and successful school year ahead!

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the opportunity
To begin this new school year.

We ask that you bless our families,
The staff and children
So that we can work together to make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways
So that we can seek your will
In everything that we do.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord.
Amen.



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SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

School will open from 8.50am each day.

Pupils may arrive between 8.50 and 9am.

Upon arrival children will go to the main playground (weather dependent) where teachers/assistants will be there to meet the children.

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

It is vitally important that we have your correct home address, telephone numbers and details of your chosen contact person (s) for our records. If any of your details have changed please contact the school office.

MEDICATION

Pupil medication e.g., inhalers should be brought into school on the first day back, these should be kept in school in a sealed bag/container. Each classroom will have its own medical cabinet/storage for pupil medicines and medical information. Only staff have access to the cabinets/storage.

Any new or updated medical information or reports should be shared immediately with the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the new school year it is great to see the children wearing their full school uniform. Please label your child's uniform and coat with their name and class.

HEALTHY BREAKS

The school has a healthy eating policy, which involves children bringing a healthy snack to school every day. Therefore we will be actively encouraging the children to take the following foods and drinks at break time (milk and water; fruit or vegetables; any bread product)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ALLERGIES

Throughout the school, several children have very serious allergies. It is important that parents refrain from giving their children products containing nuts, lentils, pulses, peas and eggs. Some examples of these foods include, peanut butter, hazelnut or chocolate spread, lentil soup and confectionery containing nuts (Snickers/Topic), etc. If a child with an allergy comes into contact with these, a life threatening situation could occur. Many thanks for your co-operation.

SEESAW/SHOWBIE

Seesaw (P1-4) and Showbie (P5-7) has been a vital communication tool over the last number of years. Please ensure that your signed up and can access for the year ahead.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE

If your child is returning to school after an absence a parent must write a note stating the reason why he/she was absent.

Parents can help school attendance in the following ways:

- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside of school hours.
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work.

DATA COLLECTION AND PARENTAL PERMISSION AGREEMENT FORMS

Please remember to complete your Data Collection form for each individual child and parent permission agreement forms and return to school as soon as possible.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/SCHOOL UNIFORM

Applications can be accessed online at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Please note you must make an application every new school year.

PE

All classes will have PE on a Friday. Children can wear their school PE clothing / half zips to school on this day.

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Our first 'Feel Good Friday' for this year will take place on Friday 27th September. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes and bring a treat to enjoy.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will visit school on Wednesday 25th September to take individual, family and P1/7 class photos.

THANK YOU FATHER MC GAVIGAN

Thank you to Father Mc Gavigan for his caring and compassionate manner in supporting our school. On behalf of St Peter's and Paul's I wish him every success in his new appointment as Parish Priest of Three Patrons in Derry.

Thank you for your continued support,
Yours Sincerely
Neil Mc Cloy
Principal



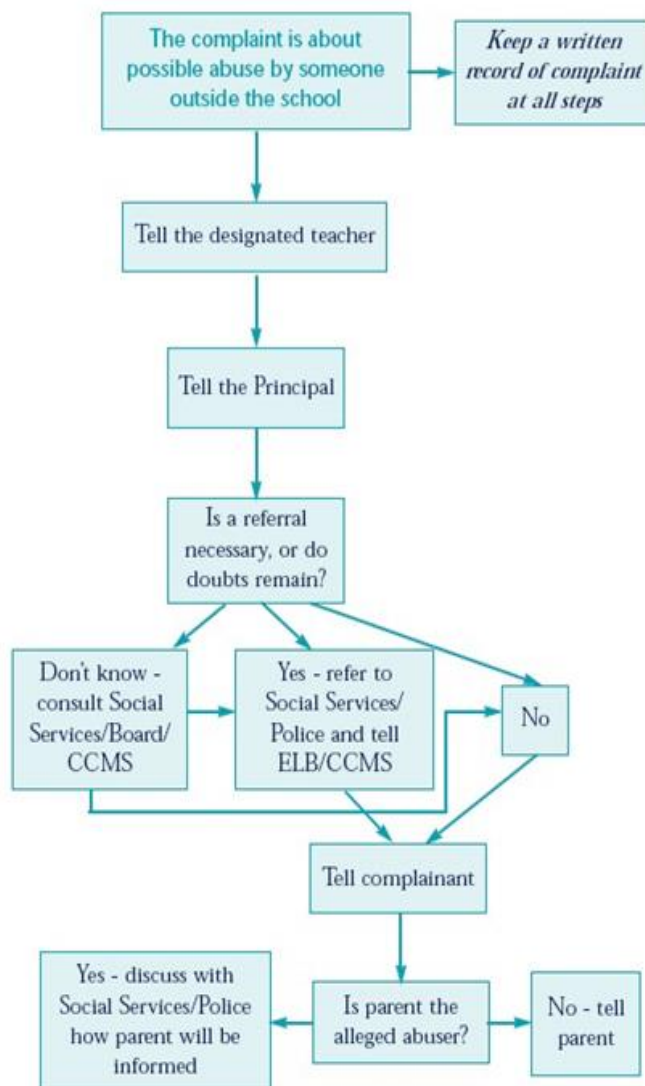
HOW TO RAISE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

Talk to the class teacher via Showbie/Seesaw. This communication is not public.
Talk to the DT (Miss Mc Hugh) or DDT (Mr Mc Cloy)
Talk or write to the Chair of Governors (Mr Lynch)

Pastoral Care in Schools: CHILD PROTECTION

Figure 1

Procedure where the school has concerns, or has been given information, about possible abuse by someone other than a member of the school's staff





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