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FEBRUARY 2026 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/>

REMINDER: SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

The following dates have been agreed for the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation: Saturday 28th February @ 2pm in St Joseph's Church Fincairn.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 2nd May @ 11am in St Peter's and St Paul's Church



KEY DATES FOR POST-PRIMARY ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note below a summary of the Key Dates for P7 Post-Primary Admissions

Tuesday 27th January

Post-Primary application procedure opens at 12 noon. The online portal is available on the EA website: www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Please read the published admissions criteria of schools listed as a preference and upload your child's birth certificate and any other supporting documents requested in the criteria of any of your school preferences

Thursday 19th February

Online portal closes at 12noon for Year 8 Post-Primary applications. Please note, that the online portal will not be accessible for post-primary applications after this date/time.

Saturday 9th May

Parents will receive a placement notification email. You can also log in to EA Connect online to view the outcome of your child's application on the same day. Post primary schools may also write to you to advise a place is being offered.

School Closures

School will be closed Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February.

Adverse Weather Conditions

- Text to a mobile phone
- A note on the facebook page

If we decide to close early a telephone call or text message will be sent from the school office. We remain committed to opening the school when it is possible and safe to do so. A number of factors contribute to any decision to close our school, with the health and safety of our pupils and staff at the forefront. Thank you.

Applying for a Post Primary Year 8 Place for September 2026: Key Dates

- ☒ Children born on or between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015 will need to apply for their Year 8 Post Primary Place for September 2026.



Admissions
Criteria
Published on
EA Admissions
Website



EA Connect
Opens at 12 noon
for Applications



EA Connect
Closes at 12 noon
for Punctual
Applications



EA Connect Closes
for Birth Certs &
Supporting
Documents



Deadline for late
Applications Closes
at 4pm



Issue of Outcome
of Application via
email or letter



You can check **transport
eligibility** on the EA website

It is important to read:

- ☒ the Post Primary Admissions guide; and
- ☒ the published Admissions Criteria of your listed Post Primary schools

Visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions for further information



Celebrating Our AutismNI Impact Award

We are delighted to share that St Peter's and St Paul's Primary School Foreglen has been awarded the AutismNI Impact Award, recognising our ongoing commitment to inclusion and the creation of a supportive, autism-friendly school environment.

This award reflects the dedication of our entire staff team, who have worked together to strengthen our autism-inclusive practices through communication passports, visual supports, sensory-friendly spaces, reasonable adjustments and enhanced staff training. Every member of staff has played a key role in helping ensure that all children in our care feel understood, valued and supported.

We were proud to gather together for a staff photograph with our new plaque, which will be displayed proudly in the school. This achievement demonstrates the ethos that underpins everything we do at St Peter's and St Paul's Primary School Foreglen — creating a warm, nurturing, accessible school where every child can thrive.

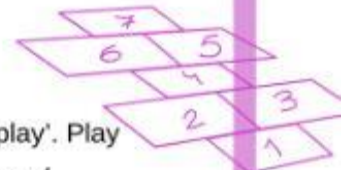
Thank you to AutismNI for their guidance and to our families for their continued support. We look forward to building on this work in the months ahead.



Low-cost playful ideas



1. Visit parks, green spaces, beaches or forests.
2. Play outside - get the wellies and raincoats on and jump in puddles.
3. Paint the pavement, walls, fences, gates or drainpipes with water - all you need is a bucket and brushes.
4. Have a family dance party or sing-a-long.
5. Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes.
6. Go on a hike.
7. Have a sunset picnic at a park or beach.
8. Upcycle old toys using stickers, foam or paint.
9. Try some sewing or knitting.
10. Play a game of chess, dominoes, jacks or card games.
11. Make a sensory bottle using old bottles, coloured water, glitter, beads, stones or anything you fancy!
12. Make slime. Pour 2 tbsp of shampoo into a bowl, add 2 tbsp of shaving foam and mix. Add 1 tsp of salt and mix everything together thoroughly. Put mixture into the freezer for approximately 15 minutes.
13. Buy a cheap box of chunky chalk - children will have hours of fun.
14. Make a mystery bag - fill a bag with random supplies and see what children will play or make.
15. Make a mat to play hopscotch on. You can roll it out for play - an old sheet is perfect.
16. Melt ice! Fill cups or containers with coloured water, freeze them, and watch the ice melt as you add salt to it.
17. Make a collage with paper, glue and things to stick like pictures cut out of catalogues or magazines, scraps of paper, ribbon, fabric, dried pasta, natural materials etc.
18. Play x-o-x or eye-spy.
19. Have a game of hide-and-seek.
20. Street play - go outside and encourage other children to go 'out to play'. Play some football, frisbee, dodgeball, piggy in the middle or stick in the mud.



You'll be amazed at what fun can be enjoyed!



What's On in Dungiven Library:

Rhythm and Rhyme for children 0 - 4

Every Monday 10:30- 11:00am

Board Game Club for children 5+

Every Monday 3:00 - 4:00pm

Knit and Natter Everyone Welcome

Every Tuesday 11:00am - 12:30pm

Adult Reading Group Everyone Welcome

First Tuesday of each month 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Chatterbooks Junior Reading Group for children aged 7– 11

Second Tuesday of each month 3:30- 4:00pm

Lego Club For children 5+

Every Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30pm

Tea and Newspapers Everyone Welcome

Every Friday 10:30am - 12:00pm

SureStart Stay & Sing for children aged 0 - 4

Every Friday 12:15 - 1:00pm

Weekly Storytime for Children 4 - 10

Every Saturday 11:00 - 11:30am

Other events and activities run throughout the year, contact the branch or check our website for details.



PARENT WORKSHOP



Worry to Wonder

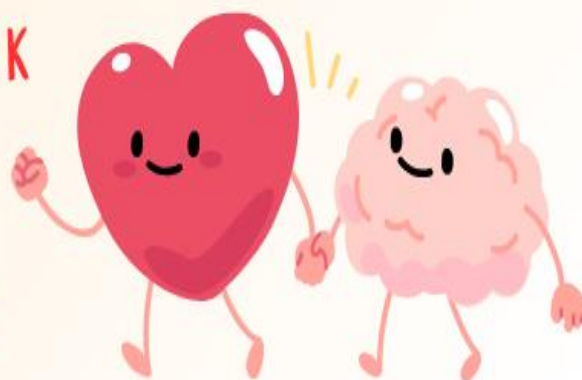
Monday 2nd February, 10am-11.30am

Online via ZOOM

A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.

CALL NOW TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE

0808 8020 400



TINY TACKLERS

St Peter's and St Paul's PS Foreglen
Starting Tuesday 20th January
10:00am-11:00am for 4 weeks.



DROP IN!!

To register or for more information contact Caroline on
07850204627 or email caroline.okane@dryarchcentre.co.uk



'it takes a whole village to raise a child'

SureStart



**St Peter's & St Paul's
Primary School**

School Council

Fundraising Event

CAN YOU HELP?

We are updating our ICT resources.

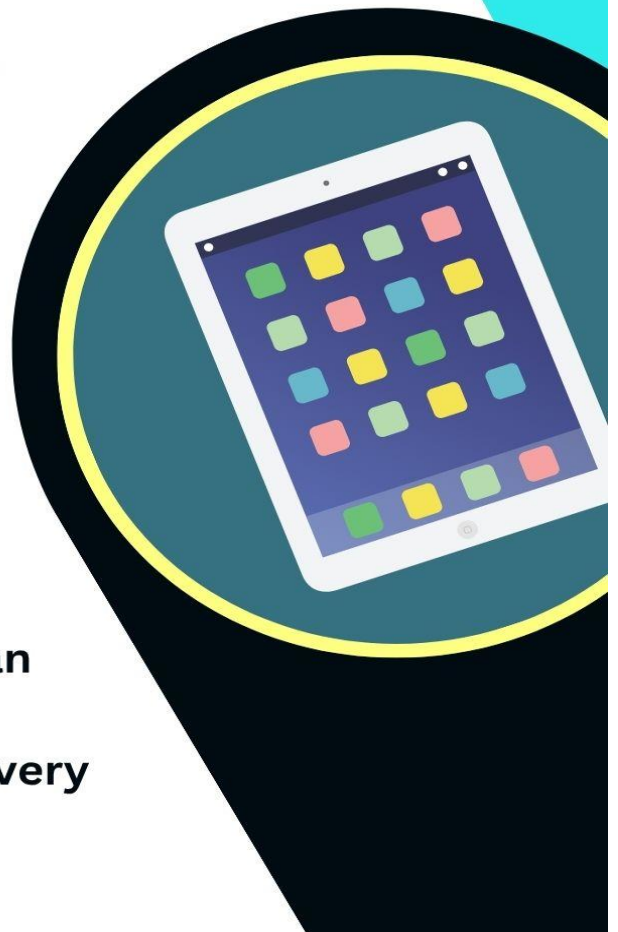
School Council have come up with the idea "Sponsor an iPad" We are asking local businesses if they would be interested in helping us to do this. If any parents or parents with businesses are in a financial position to help 'Sponsor an iPad' please get in touch with the school.

OUR GOALS

- **Replace broken iPads and buy more**
- **That every child has access to an iPads during ICT lessons**
- **Get new charging stations for every classroom**



How to contribute:
Call the school office
on 02871 338536
to make a donation or
pledge your support.



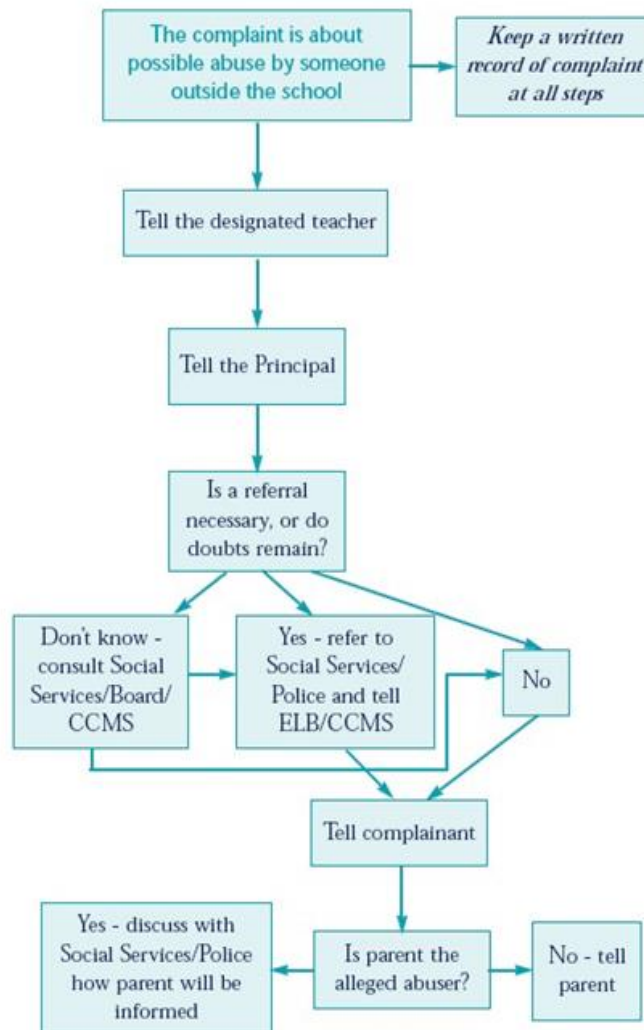
HOW TO RAISE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

Talk to the class teacher via Showbie/Seesaw. This communication is not public.
Talk to the DT (Mr Mc Cloy) or DDT (Mrs Mc Ateer)
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





ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S P.S.

Online Safety Newsletter - February 2026

Instagram Teen Accounts Update.

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Teen accounts are automatically set up for users 13-17. Instagram have announced that teens will now see content similar to content that they would see in a PG-13 movie.

Instagram have also updated their policies around content to include "hiding or not recommending posts with strong language, certain risky stunts, and additional content that could encourage potentially harmful behaviors".

Finally, for parents who would like to apply more stringent settings, Instagram are also introducing a new, stricter setting called 'Limited Content'. This setting will mean your child is not able to see, leave, or receive comments under posts as well.

You can read about the updates here: <http://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/instagram-teen-content-safety-pg-13>



PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some risks that you should consider:



Chatting to strangers/risk of inappropriate language

Some games will allow communication via text chat, direct messages or chatting. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are applied. If your child is playing online with strangers, then you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games do allow you to restrict communications to 'friends only', however you would need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players.

Cyberbullying

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect. Other forms of cyberbullying whilst games could be excluding others, criticising the ability of other players and ganging up on others.

In app purchases

Many games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/a password to approve purchases.

What can I do?

- **Set up parental controls** - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the games settings, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on.
- **Check age rating** - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store/Google Play.
- **Chat to your child regularly** about the risks above so that they are aware of what can happen online and remind them to always talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Further Information

CEOP provides further guidance and support regarding this topic: <http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time, and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

Key Concerns

There are potential risks such as:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map)
- cyberbullying
- contact from strangers
- excessive screen time - children may have a fear of missing out (FOMO) as well as pressure to maintain “streaks”.
- “disappearing” messages can lead to more risky behavior and a “false sense of security”. These messages could be screenshot or another device used to take a photo, so they’re not actually deleted as the sender believes. The image could then be shared.
- in app purchases.



Parental Controls/Safety Settings

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and include tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<http://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

If your child is using Snapchat, then make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up, including who can see their location and who can contact them. Also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More Information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <http://parentzone.org.uk/article/snapchat>
- <http://parents.snapchat.com/safeguarding-for-teens>

Family Smart Start

Family Smart Start is a free toolkit designed to help you and your child navigate the milestone of getting their first phone. The toolkit provides support on how to set up the new phone, how to talk to your child about digital safety and a template family agreement. Find out more here:

<http://familysmartstart.com/>

Cyber Security

Cyber security is the process of protecting your information and data whilst online against scams and cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks are the process of maliciously targeting individuals or organisations to disable networks or steal data for example.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have an area on their website with guidance to help protect you and your family. The guidance includes how to manage your digital footprint online, information about anti-virus software as well as top tips for staying online such as:

- Using a strong password
- Setting up a 2step verification

You can find resources here:

<http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/advice-guidance/you-your-family>

The NCSC also provide advice on what you should do if you are the target of a scam or cyber-attack. Find out more here:

<http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/respond-recover/you>



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