



# MOUNT ST. CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Back to School Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

As new principal I am so looking forward to meeting you and your children at the start of the new school term. I am excited to get to know everyone and can't wait to hear all about the summer holidays.

The summer has flown by so fast, but I am sure you have all enjoyed the time off school, a break from the school routine, and made lots of happy memories.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. I have included important back to school information and dates.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and blessed school year.

Kind Regards

Ciara Farley

Principal

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## Return to School Dates

- P2 – P7 return on Friday 30th August 9am – 12noon. No dinner, full school uniform
- P2 – P7 children will return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, full school day with dinner as normal.
- P2 -P3 normal home time is 2pm.
- P4 -P7 home time is 3pm.

Children in P1 and Specialist classes will be contacted directly by the class teacher about their phased school start dates.

## Big Buds 2 -5 Club



We are currently planning our new after school club and are keen to gauge interest from parents. Please complete the registration form on our schools NI app as soon as possible if you are interested in availing of this club for your child/ren.

The cost of the club is £3.00 per hour, per child, starting at 2pm/3pm daily.

Parents can use every day or only use on required days.

A reduced price of £7.50 is for children who stay for 3 hours daily.

This form must be completed before 23rd August.

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at a cost of £1 per day.

Breakfast club opens at 8:00am - 8:45am.

## School Uniform



In Mount St. Catherine's we are very proud of our school uniform and wear it with pride.

Please adhere to our strict uniform policy.

Details can be found below.

Navy pinafore, trousers

P1-3 can wear tracksuit bottoms only on PE days.

Light blue polo for all, but P5-7 can wear shirt and tie.

Navy jumper with logo available in Dessies and Lilas.

Black shoes only

Navy or white socks / navy tights for girls.

**Please label all uniform items**

No PE uniform.

# Free School Meals and Uniform allowance 2024

You can still make an application for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance through the Education Authority dedicated webpage at



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

Only pupils who have been approved can receive free school meals from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.