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St. Mary's Primary School (Lisbuoy)

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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Return to School

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. We are keen to see the return of all our pupils at the beginning of the new school year. As we begin our new school year we wish Mrs Margaret Clarke health, happiness and enjoyment in her retirement.

### Classes

As with every year we review our class set up and teaching arrangements, according to our class sizes. This year our classes and teaching arrangements will be as follows;

P1-2	Mrs Martin
P3-4	Mrs Hughes
P5-6	Miss Mackle
P7	Miss Mullin

P5-7 pupils will come together in the afternoon for certain subject areas; World Around Us, PE, Music, Drama, Art and Religion. Teachers will be redeployed for Withdrawal, Drawing & Talking Therapy and Principal Release in P1-2.

### Drop off & Pickup

We ask that parents continue to operate a one-way system for dropping off and picking up children. Please approach school from Carland Hill to allow your child/children to exit/enter the car safely at the school gate. Weather permitting, children will play outside before school (8.30-8.45am). For pick up, please wait patiently in the traffic queue from Carland hill and we will release your child/children through the gate directly to your car. We ask that parents remain in their cars. Please try to avoid turning above the school and coming back into the flow of the one-way traffic. If possible, continue to the end of the Lisnagowan Road and take left towards Donaghmore or right onto the Cookstown Road. We are aware that this may lengthen your journey slightly but it will ease congestion at the school gate, particularly on wet days. Children may arrive at school from 8.30am. Please be aware that pupils are not insured to be on the school premises before 8.30am in the morning. We ask that all children are in school by 8.45am for the school day.

### Uniform

As we begin this new school year, could we please ask that *all* children wear their full school uniform to school everyday, school PE kit on PE days.

As we begin to phase in our new school uniform from O'Neill's Sportswear (quarter zip, jersey, skinnies/leggings), please remember that the 'old' uniform is still very acceptable this year.

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**Boys:** yellow polo shirt & navy sweatshirt/quarter zip with school crest, navy trousers or plain navy jogging bottoms

**Girls:** yellow polo shirt & navy sweatshirt/quarter zip with school crest, navy skirt/pinafore, navy trousers, leggings or plain navy jogging bottoms.

Some school sports' kit are still available to buy from the school office. It consists of a school jersey, shorts, and socks.

Please label all items of school uniform clearly. Thank you!

**NB:** The new uniform will not be available to collect from school until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, due to manufacturing delays. Children who are waiting on the new uniform may wear their PE kit or own clothes for the first week back. We apologise for the inconvenience.

#### Supplies

All children should bring their own stationary/resources to school on the first day back; pencils, colouring pencils/markers, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, scissors, whiteboard markers, ruler (30cm ruler P3-7). P7 pupils will require a compass, protractor and black ball point pens. We would be grateful if each child could bring a box of tissues for the classroom.

These items will all remain in school and should be replenished as required.

Children should bring their own clearly labelled refillable bottle everyday filled with either water or diluting juice.

#### Snack

We will continue to provide snack in school; toast, crackers and cheese daily, at a cost of £1 per week or £15 for term 1, £13 for term 2, £8 for term 3 or £36 for the year

#### Lunch/Dinners

School dinners will be available from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** from a set menu, priced £2.60.

#### Term One

Term one will begin on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** for **P1 and P7 pupils only** 8.45-11.00pm

All other pupils will begin on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 8.45am- 2.00pm. All children will require lunch on the Thursday and Friday.

P1-2: 8.45am - 2.00pm

P3-7: 8.45am - 3.00pm (Monday-Thursday) 2.00pm (Friday)

We appreciate that most children will be looking forward to returning to school, however there will be some who may find this experience daunting. Please talk to your child/ren to prepare them for their school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support; it's greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Martina Martin*

Mrs Martina Martin  
Principal