



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



Learning Together



School App



School
Facebook Page



Monday 2nd — Friday 6th September — Year 1 Home Time — 12 noon

Wednesday 4th September — whole school assembly — Rev Park

Thursday 12th September — Sunflower Competition

Friday 13th September — Roald Dahl Day

Monday 23rd September — Year 6 Library Visit

Tuesday 24th September — Year 1 Parents/Carers — Phonics and StorySacks Meeting — 1.30pm

Thursday 26th September — European Day of Languages

Our focus country is Poland.

Pupils if they wish can swap a piece of their school uniform for something red or white.

This may be a red pair of socks, a white or red polo shirt etc.

The rest of the school uniform should be worn as normal.



Friday 27th September — School Development Day — Day 1 — Staff only

Monday 30th September — Year 5 Library Visit

Thursday 3rd October — Tempest School Photographs

Friday 4th October — Year 7 — Made for More

Monday 7th October — Flu Vaccination Programme

Thursday 10th October — Year 1 Special School Dinner Day

Friday 11th October — School Development Day — Day 2 — Staff only

Wednesday 4th — Friday 25th October — Book Fair



Our September monthly value is Happiness



We will be focusing on Happiness through the following:-

- our school assemblies and
- focusing on Article 3 —The best interests of the child must be top priority in all decisions and actions that affect the child.



Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday
4th September
2.00pm



Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday
11th September
2.00pm

**DIGITAL
LEADERS**

Leader — Miss Graham

Wednesday
18th September
2.00pm

Pupil Progress Meetings

Monday 21st — Thursday 24th October — 1.30 — 3pm

online booking form will be released shortly

Early Home Times — Monday 21st — Friday 25th October
12.50pm — Y1–3 pupils + siblings 1.05pm — remaining Y4–7 pupils



Please remember for our pupils' safety and in relation to allergies
no dogs are allowed within the school grounds.

Morning Routine

8.45 — 8.50am at the school gate is very busy. 8.50 — 9.00am there is a steady flow of pupils arriving at school. School starts at 9.00am, we would ask parents/carers to ensure that pupils arrive at school for 8.55am, so that they are in class and ready to start their learning at 9 o'clock. If pupils arrive after 9am they are marked late.

Healthy Breaks

Following the guidance from the Department of Education we encourage pupils to have a healthy break, Monday — Thursday. We ask parents/carers to support the school in its commitment to healthy eating.

Head Lice

Please can we ask all parents/carers to regularly check their child's hair for head lice. If they need treatment, it is available free from chemists. It is also a good preventative measure for pupils with long hair to wear it tied back for school.

Healthy breaks for schools

A guide for pupils and parents



HSC Public Health
agency

school
food

ALLERGIES

Many parents/carers are now aware of the increasing number of children who suffer allergic reactions. A child with an allergy can be affected even if, for example, the product that they are allergic to is in someone else's lunchbox or on someone's hands following eating the product. We have a number of children with allergies in the school and therefore ask that everyone cooperates by not sending in the following products.

All nuts including horse chestnuts

Eggs — hard boiled and egg sandwiches

Any breaks or packed lunches brought into school must not contain the above products.

PLEASE NOTE: Many chocolate spreads DO contain nuts. Please check ingredients carefully.

Recyclable materials e.g. cardboard from products containing nuts must not be brought into school for junk art.

Unfortunately, due to issues arising from the labelling of products, birthday cakes must not be sent into school.

It is parents/carers' responsibility to make sure any medication that is held in school for their child is in date.

★ At the beginning of a new school year we always review our data capture information. Have you moved house?
★ Have your emergency contacts changed? Please let school know. We are sure you can appreciate that when an
★ emergency arises, we must be in a position to respond to the needs of individual children.

★ Legally, schools are not compelled to administer medication to pupils unless absolutely necessary, i.e., chronic conditions
★ – diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis. Ideally the administration of other medication to children should be given by
★ parents/carers and if your child requires regular short-term medication we believe that the child would convalesce
★ better at home. Should your child require antibiotics during school hours we would ask parents/carers to come at the
★ necessary time to administer the antibiotics to their child as required.

★ Please remember to update the school during the course of the year of any changes in your child's medical history. It is very important that we are made aware of all conditions and allergies of the pupils in our care. Mrs Knight oversees Pupils' Medical Needs within school. If you would like to speak to Mrs Knight, please phone the school office or complete a Communication Form which is available on the school app to make an appointment at a suitable time.

★ School dinners are currently £2.60 per day. If your child/ren wish to have a school dinner it must be ordered online
★ by using the new school app. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals you still need to order their dinner online
★ through the app.

★ Breakfast Club will be available, 8.00am – 8.45am. Pupils attending Breakfast Club, should be in school by
★ 8.30am.

★ There is currently a daily charge of £1.50, bookings are to be made online through the school app. To facilitate
★ staffing and the purchase of food items, bookings need to be made in advance. **Please note the online form closes on**
★ **a Sunday evening.**

★ Please see the EA website to make an online application.

★ If Ballymoney Model Integrated PS is your nearest Integrated School and you live more than a distance of two miles
★ from school you may be entitled to Travel Assistance. To apply for Transport Assistance please see the EA website
★ to make an online application.
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Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

Sacrament preparation is an important part of being an integrated school.

In school we run curriculum Religious Education classes at the same time throughout the school to allow Sacramental preparation to take place for all Catholic pupils from Year 3 to Year 7.

The order of Sacraments is as follows:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in Year 3.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in Year 4.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in Year 7.

If you wish your child in the future to be included within Sacramental preparation classes please let the school office know. Mrs Thom leads the Sacramental preparation in school. A Baptismal Certificate is required before any Sacraments are taken, therefore it would be helpful if a copy of this was forwarded to the school at the earliest convenience.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in contact.



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Safeguarding and Child Protection Team

Remember if you are worried about anything please talk to any adult in our school or one of these teachers.



Mrs McNaughton
Designated Teacher
Year 4- Teacher



Mr Clarke
Deputy Designated Teacher
Vice Principal



Mrs Jamison
Principal

We are an Operation Encompass School, for more information please go to the school website and within the Parents-Carers Area more information can be found .



Good Communication

At Ballymoney Model we are eager for good communication between home and school. As an Eco-School we are also trying to reduce the amount of photocopying that we do by communicating with parents/carers through our school apps and website. If you are unable to access the school apps and website please contact the school office and we will endeavour to help you find a solution.



School Jotter App

- All main notes and newsletters are added to our Schools NI App.

(Apple or Play Store – School Jotter – Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School)



School Communication App

- Communication Form
- Absence Form
- Bookings — School Dinners
- Bookings — Milk Order Form
- Forms — such as booking a slot for pupil progress meetings etc

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School Facebook Page

Half Term School Holidays — Monday 28th October — Friday 1st November

School Office Hours

Monday — Thursday 8.45am — 4pm Friday 8.45am — 3.30pm

Closed at lunchtime 12.30 — 1pm

Our phone line is always very busy, we encourage parents/carers to communicate with school through completing a Communication Form on the School App.