



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



Week beginning — 7th April 2025



Learning Together



School App



School
Facebook Page



For all the latest news see our **School Website** www.ballymoneymodelips.co.uk

Slapped Cheek Syndrome - if your child is diagnosed with Slapped Cheek Syndrome please inform the school office immediately.



Monthly Value Respect



Monday 7th April	Y6 — Barclays Bank — Money Management Budgeting — Mr Stevenson
Tuesday 8th April	Ulster Hockey Girls' Finals — Stormont
Tuesday 8th April	Year 1 Health Appraisals
Wednesday 9th April	Year 1 Health Appraisals
Wednesday 9th April	Whole School Assembly — Scripture Union NI
Wednesday 9th April	Rugby Coaching 2-3pm
Thursday 10th April	Table Tennis Tournament
Friday 11th April	Forest Fridays
Friday 11th April	Y6 NI Assembly Education Programme — Parliament Buildings, Stormont
Friday 11th April	Futsal Blitz — Coleraine
Friday 11th April	Sacrament Group — Confirmation — 10.30am

School Council — Easter Fundraising Activities

Competition pages last day to purchase Monday 7th April — 50p

Y1-3 Colouring Page

Y4-7 Design an Easter Egg

Completed pages should be returned to school by

Wednesday 9th April



Term 3 milk booking system is now open.

The booking system will close on Monday 14th April at 4pm.

Unfortunately, no late bookings can be accepted.





Easter Treat Day

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

- Chicken Burger and Chips (Tomato Sauce)
- Carrot Sticks and Cucumber
- Brownie
- Fruit
- Orange or Apple Juice





Year 5 Swimming lessons — Monday and Thursday

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform is as follows:

In April our summer uniform can be worn.

<u>Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 – Year 4)</u>	<u>Key Stage 2 (Year 5 – 7)</u>
Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts	Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts
White polo shirt preferably with school logo or white shirt and school tie	White shirt and school tie
Navy V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan preferably with school logo	Navy V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan preferably with school logo
Socks (white/grey/black) and tights (grey/black/navy)	
<u>Summer Uniform – September, April, May and June:</u>	
White polo shirt preferably with school logo	
Light blue checked gingham dress (fitted black/grey/navy shorts can be worn under the dress if wished)	

Please note – lots of companies offer sensory and adaptive school uniform ranges

HSC Northern Health and Social Care Trust

CYPSP Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Autism Information Cafés

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust invites parents and caregivers of children under 16 with an autism diagnosis or awaiting assessment to join one of our information cafés.

We aim to bring together professionals and organisations to provide support and information on the day.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 10.00am- 12.00pm Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre Ballymoney	Wednesday 8th October 2025 10.00am- 12.00pm The Braid Arts Centre Ballymena
Thursday 29th May 2025 10.00am- 12.00pm Cookstown Leisure Centre	Tuesday 3rd February 2026 10.00am- 12.00pm Mossley Mill Newtownabbey

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council **Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council** **Mid & East Antrim Borough Council** **Cophaire Coenair Lár Uladh Mid Ulster District Council**

Parent Well
A source of inspiration

Parent Line NI
0808 8020 400

Worry to Wonder

Small supportive group discussion and information sessions for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.

Two-part workshop: **Tues 8th and Tues 15th April**
7pm-8.30pm on Zoom

To book your place call 0808 8020 400

If your child/ren is/are unwell, please remember to complete an online absence form as soon as possible, this will ensure your child's attendance record is as accurate as possible.

Our school is an integrated primary school, unique in the Ballymoney area. We welcome families of all religions or none and endeavour to cater for everyone's religious requests with professionalism and care.

If you do not wish your child/children to partake in any activities noted within this newsletter, please complete an online Contact School form on the school app to let us know.

Mrs Jamison

Bookings

If your child is unwell we can move your child's dinner booking to another day. **You must contact school by 9.30am.**

If your child is unwell or unable to attend we are unfortunately unable to move bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs etc. to another day, due to having to pay the linked staff.

Please ensure to book on time, late bookings unfortunately cause additional administration within the school and so have a higher linked charge.

Breakfast Club

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Contact School form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £3 for the session.

Stay and Play Club

Our after school Stay and Play Club is available for Y1—3 pupils.

Stay and Play Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 2–3pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £5 for the session.

Activity/Homework Club

Our after school Activity/Homework Club is available for Y1—7 pupils.

Activity/Homework Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 3–4pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £5 for the session.

HOME/SCHOOL LINKS

Every effort is made to maintain close contact with parents/carers, who should not hesitate to get in touch with their child's class teacher on any matter affecting the welfare, progress or development of their child/ren.

Should a parent/carer have any concerns about their child, we would encourage them to make immediate contact with their child's class teacher in the following ways:-

Contact school in one of these two ways:-

- Ring the school office – 028 276 62340 – and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.
- Complete an online Communication Form available on the school app.



Your child's class teacher will be contacted and a time for a phone call/meeting will be organised as appropriate.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form. The most appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be involved.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form to make an appointment with the Principal.

Please note the relevant member of staff will return your call or organise an appointment when it is practical to do so. Unfortunately, as you can appreciate with staff completing their roles, phone calls and appointments cannot be returned/arranged immediately.



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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

**OPERATION
ENCOMPASS**

In every force. In every school. For every child.

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.



Schools NI App

- All main notes and newsletters are added to our Schools NI App
- Bookings — Breakfast Club, School Dinners, Stay and Play, Homework Club, After Schools Activities etc
- Forms (click on Contacts)
 - Absences
 - Late Arrivals
 - Early Collections
 - Contact School

(Apple or Play Store – Schools NI App – Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School)



School Facebook Page

We share what is happening within school with our local community through our school Facebook page.

Within school we have a large number of policies. Each year we endeavour to review a number of our policies. As we work through reviewing our policies, we will share with parents/carers through the school app.

School Office Hours

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

Closed at lunchtime 1.00 — 1.30pm

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

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.



Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday

30th April

2.00pm

ECO COMMITTEE

Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday

7th May

2.00pm

**DIGITAL
LEADERS**

Leader — Mrs Boyle

Wednesday

9th April

2.00pm

Term 2 Important Dates



End of Term — Non-Uniform — Wednesday 16th April
Wednesday 16th April - Pupils finish for the Easter Holidays as follows:-

Y1-3 pupils and their Y4 — 7 siblings — 11.40am

Remainder of Y4 — 7 pupils — 12 noon



Easter Holidays: Thursday 17th April – Friday 25th April 2025 (7 days)