



Updated Reopening Information for Parents 20th August 2020

Following the issuing of new guidance from the Department of Education, our reopening information has been updated. As the situation is constantly evolving, further updates will be issued when they become available.

Key Points

- School will open on the week beginning Monday 24th August on a phased basis for P2 – P7. See below.
- For the week 24th to 28th August, no meals or breaks will be provided. As school will close at lunchtime no lunch will be required, children should bring in their own healthy break.
- From Tuesday 1st September all children will return on a full time basis (see below arrangements for P1s).
- *In these initial days at school the emphasis will be on welcoming the children back to school, establishing new routines, involving the children in creating and maintaining a safe environment – regular hand washing or sanitising, acceptable social distance within and around the school, maintaining safe interaction.*
- During Covid access to the school will be restricted. You should only visit the school if it is necessary and only after making an appointment
- Thank You to the local businesses and members of the community for their generous donations of PPE supplies and help in preparing for the reopening of the school.
- It is essential that you provide the school with up to date contact details.

Phased Return Week (P2-P7)	Children Attending
Monday 24 th August	Surname A to K only
Tuesday 25 th August	Surname L, M and Mc only
Wednesday 26 th August	Surname N to Z only
Thurs 27 th & Fri 28 th August	ALL P2 – P7 children.
Monday 31 st August	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 1 st September	All classes return

Primary 1 Information	
Tuesday 1 st Sept	P1's with siblings until 12 noon
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	P1's without siblings until 12 noon
Thurs 3 rd & Fri 4 th Sept	All P1 children until 12 noon
Monday 7 th Sept	All P1's until 12.45pm after lunch
Monday 14 th Sept	All P1 children stay until 2pm

Staggered Morning Drop Off Times	
8.45am	P6/7 & younger Siblings
9.00am	P4/5 & younger siblings
9.10am	P1/2/3 & younger siblings
Afternoon Collection: 24 th to 28 th August	
12.20pm	P6/7 pupils & younger siblings
12.30pm	P4/5 pupils & younger siblings
12.40pm	P2/3 pupils
<i>Pupils can be collected from the big playground this week</i>	
Afternoon Collection: from 1 st September	
1.50pm	P1 & older P2/3 siblings
2.00pm	P2/3 children
2.45pm	P4/5 & older siblings
2.55pm	P4/7 Walkers
3.00pm	P6/7 children

Preventing the Spread of Covid19

You have a responsibility NOT to send your child to school if they have any signs of illness (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell). Children may have their temperature taken during the school day. If a child's temperature is high or they are displaying symptoms you will be asked to take your child home. **See PHA link:**

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-information-public>

Transport

For the week beginning 24th August, ONLY a Morning service will operate.

From 1st September a full Bus service will operate.

Children are advised to wear masks on buses.

On entering the bus children should:

- Sanitise their hands
- Sit on a seat with a family member or a member of their class. Alternatively, they may sit with someone from their own school.
- Remain in seat until it is time to get off.
- Sanitise their hands on leaving the bus

Applications for school transport should be made online:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/>



Other Information

- Snack & School meals are available from 1st September. And should be paid for at the beginning of each week.
- Lunch: Healthy lunch should be brought to school in a plastic lunch box that must be cleaned each night.
- Water: Reusable water bottle with child's name displayed & sterilised each night
- It is important that only essential items will be brought to or from school.
- A suitable bag, such as a washable tote bag/draw string PE bag, is required for carrying lunch boxes, money, water bottles & hand sanitiser.

On Arrival, children will:

- enter the school through the green pedestrian gate
- sanitise their hands at the sanitiser
- progress to their designated class zone
- wash their hands before class starts.

Parents are asked to drop their child at the school entrance and leave the roundabout immediately. Alternatively, you may park away from the school entrance and walk your child walk to school.

Parents should not enter the school building or the playground unless by appointment.

Class	Wet Day Zone	Dry Day Zone
Primary 1	P1 Classroom	KS1 Playground
Primary 2	P2 Classroom	Area between P3 & P5 mobiles
Primary 3	P3 Mobile	Area below P3 mobile
Primary 4	P4 Classroom	KS2 Playground
Primary 5	P5 Mobile	Area behind P5 & P7 mobiles
Primary 6	P6 Classroom	KS2 Playground
Primary 7	P7 Mobile	Area behind P5 & P7 mobiles

Morning & Bus Clubs: These are suspended until we get clarification from DE. We plan to reopen them as soon as possible, therefore you are asked to register your child by email for these Clubs by Friday 4th September.

Leaving School/Home time (See above for the designated times)

Parents of P1/2/3 children are asked to collect their child from the large playground via the red gate.

P4-P7 children who travel by car should be collected from the large playground via the red gate.

P4-P7 children who travel home by bus will be taken to their bus by a member of staff.

P4-P7 children who walk home will be taken by a teacher to the school entrance, from where they will be accompanied to Scarva Street by the School Crossing Patrol.

The School Crossing Patrol will be available on Scarva Street at the following times:

- 8.30 – 9.15am
- 1.45 – 2.15pm (Young children must be accompanied by an adult or other responsible person)
- 2.45 – 3.15pm* (The School Crossing Patrol will accompany the P4-P7 'Walkers' to Scarva Street)



To protect our community, friends, family and children we would ask that you keep a distance from others when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Once children are collected please disperse quickly from the school area to avoid large gatherings of people at the school entrance. Please respect others and keep your distance.

Some FAQs

Can I return reading books from last year?	You are asked to return any library books, school textbooks and Reading books that were not returned last school year. These should be sent in with your child.
Does my child have to wear a mask or shield in school?	Your child does NOT have to wear a mask or shield. However, if you believe your child needs to wear a mask, please ensure they know how to wear it properly.
Should I be washing my child's uniform each night?	Your child should alternate between the formal and PE uniforms as detailed in the Reopening Information dated 01/08/2020 (on school app and website).
How am I going to manage my child's homework?	Homework (Literacy, Numeracy, Reading, Spellings) will commence on the 14 th September. Details will be issued shortly.
Can my child bring in their own sanitiser?	Yes. It is advisable for you to provide each child with their own small bottle of sanitiser, especially if they have had reactions to some products.
Will the flu vaccine be administered this year?	Yes. The HSE has confirmed 30 th September as the date for the annual winter flu vaccination. Further details will be issued later.
Am I entitled to FSM?	To apply for Free School Meals go to https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/
My child is unwell, should I send my child to school?	You should not send your child to school. Please see the PHA website for advice on these matters.

HSC Public Health Agency



Like seasonal flu, the same public health advice applies for COVID-19: if you cough or sneeze, use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose, throw it away carefully after use, and wash your hands. The best way to prevent the spread of infections, including COVID-19, is good personal hygiene. This means washing your hands well and often, using soap and water and drying them with paper towels.

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