



23rd August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

We are writing to inform you of updates to our arrangements as we prepare to welcome pupils back to school.

DATES

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th

Nursery and Yr1 induction (parents have been informed of relevant times).

Tuesday 31st August

Nursery and Yr1 parents have been informed of dates for their child.

Yrs 2-7 school starts for all pupils.

START TIMES (from 31st August onwards)

(Separate information will be issued by Nursery and Yr1)

Yrs 2-7 - From Tuesday 31st August the school will be open for supervision from 8.30am. Children will enter through the playground and go to their classrooms.

FINISH TIMES from 31st August onwards collect pupils from designated gates at the following times:

Yr1 – (see Yr1 Induction Booklet)

Yr2 – Monday-Friday 2pm

Yr3 – Monday&Tuesday 3pm Wednesday-Friday 2pm

Yr4 – Monday-Friday 3pm

Yr5 – Monday-Friday 3pm

Yr6 – Monday-Friday 3pm

Yr7 – Monday-Friday 3pm

COMMUNICATION

We will continue to communicate with you to keep you up to date with any changes or information we feel you need through the usual channels. We will text links to the website and share posts on FB. Information will also be sent using the class online platforms (e.g. Seesaw/Google Classroom).

Please ensure you read the information that is shared to avoid unnecessary messages or phone calls to the school.

Year 1 - pipsyear1@gmail.com

Year 2 – pipsyear2@gmail.com

Year 3 – pipsyear3@gmail.com

Year 4 – pipsyr4@gmail.com

Year 5 – pipsyear5@gmail.com

Year 6 – year6pips@gmail.com

Year 7 – pipsyear7@gmail.com

TEACHING COMPLEMENT 2021-22

Please see below the staffing complement for this year. We all wish Mrs McCrea well as she begins maternity leave.

Your child's Teacher and Classroom Assistant for 2021-22		
Year Group	Teacher	Assistant
Nursery	Mrs Kelda Henry	Ms Claire Nelson Ms Naomi McClean
Year 1	Mrs Mary Mullan	Mrs Mary Quin
Year 2	Mrs McIlwaine	Mrs Louise McMullan
Year 3	Miss Sinead McGlinchey	Miss Paula Corey
Year 4	Mrs Emma Bradford (2 days Mon&Tues Mrs Cherith Martin (3 days Wed-Fri)	Mrs Rhona Martin
Year 5	Mrs Aislinn Conway	Mrs Aisling Mullan Miss Nicole Smyth
Year 6	Mr Mark Crooks	Mrs Fiona Forbes Mrs Edel Dobson
Year 7	Mr Steven Kelly	Mrs Elaine Miller

RESOURCES

BAGS AND STATIONERY

Pupils will be able to bring school bags and other resources to and from school.

Updated guidance from The Department of Education states that the risk from bringing items into school and sharing resources is extremely small.

We recommend that pupils in Years 1-3 use the school satchel (pupils in Year 1 will receive one of these at the start of the year). If anyone would like to purchase a satchel, please send an envelope with the child's name and £5 to the school office.

We recommend pupils in Years 4-7 use a Phoenix School Bag. These can be purchased by sending an envelope with the child's name and £8 to the school office.

The school has purchased pencil cases for every pupil to keep their stationery in school. This system worked well last year and we will continue to use these. Pupils should bring pencils/rubbers/sharpeners (see individual class resource sheet) in plastic bag on the first day and these items will then remain in school.

PACKED LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES

Children can bring their own clearly labelled lunch box and water bottle to school.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

We will keep you updated on the guidance from the Department of Education and how it will be applied in school.

We will be maintaining class bubbles to the half-term break and then reviewing this arrangement.

UNIFORM

For the week beginning Tuesday 31st August we suggest all pupils wear the following uniform:

Tuesday 31st August – Normal Uniform

Wednesday 1st September – PE Uniform

Thursday 2nd September – Normal Uniform

Friday 3rd September – PE Uniform

PE Timetable

Teachers will inform you of the PE timetable to commence the week beginning 6th September.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school and working with all parents/carers to keep everyone safe and enable pupils to enjoy their experience.

Mr Kelly
Vice Principal

