



5th March 2021

Lockdown News

Nursery to P3 Return



We are looking forward to seeing Nursery to Primary Three children returning to school next week. Obviously, this will be the first time that over 200 children have been back at school and given that lockdowns are still operation, we want to ensure that this is done safely.

In advance of the school re-opening you should also discuss, explain and promote good respiratory hygiene to encourage your children to follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach. Children should be discouraged from touching their eyes, face, nose and mouth. They should be shown how to cough or sneeze into their elbow if they don't have a tissue. If they have a tissue they should be shown how to cough or sneeze into it and then dispose of it safely into the nearest bin.

Once again, it is important that everyone does their part. For the first time in nearly a year, we can actually see light at the end of the tunnel but we are by no means out of the woods yet. Therefore, we wanted to remind parents of some of the protocols that we have in place for everyone's safety.

- **A school bag** is not permitted at this time to help prevent infection. All resources will be provided by the school i.e. pencil, colours etc...
- At **break-time** our usual healthy break policy still applies. Healthy Snacks provision that has operated in Nursery to P3 will continue and information about this has already been posted on Seesaw.
- A **water bottle** (clearly marked with your child's name) **can be** brought in to school and must be sanitised daily.
- **Packed lunch** should be brought in a **disposable bag** (clearly marked with the child's name) **as no lunch boxes are permitted at this time. We would recommend using paper bags to help the environment.**
- **Free School Meals & paid dinners** will continue to be served in classrooms.
- **The school is now cashless** so payments should be made through our School Money App
- All pupils will need to bring their own **tissues**.
- A **coat** should be worn into school by all children as the weather is still quite cold. When senior classes return, this coat will continue to be brought into the classroom and stored behind their chair.
- **School uniform** will be worn as normal (**no school tie for hygiene reasons** - regular washing of school uniform at 60 degrees is essential for disease control).
- **PE Kits** - all children will wear PE KIT to school, on their designated PE Days, until further notice. Teachers will notify you of the days when they intend to do PE and on these days.
- **Homework** will continue to be set through Seesaw and/or Google Classroom.

- **Parents should not enter** the school building unless for prior arranged reasons or under exceptional circumstances.
- Pickup/Drop Off at the designated times for your children (see below).

Drop Off/Pickup

Parent of Nursery to P4 children may still drop off and collect their children from the designated points below. However, all parents should wear face masks when dropping off or collecting their children, to help with viral transmission, as well as maintain a 2m distance with other families. Please do not congregate on premises or at school gates. In addition, we ask that only one parent per family do the pick-up/drop off, to avoid congestion. Parents of any child (P5-7) attending the Key Worker Supervision Scheme should drop them off and pick them up off school premises, at an agreed point along the Cliftonville Road. P5-7 children will be dismissed from the front of the main entrance.

REMINDER OF START/FINISH TIMES

Class	START TIME	FINISH TIME	Enter	Exit
NURS	9.20am	between 1.15-1.30pm	Nursery Door	Nursery Door
P1	9.10am	2.00pm	P1 Door	P1 Door
P2	8.50am	1.50pm	Outdoor Classroom Door	Outdoor Classroom Door
P3	9.00am	2.00pm	Outdoor Classroom Door	Outdoor Classroom Door P5-7
Key Worker Bubble P4	9.00am	2.00pm	Side Door at Easton Avenue Entrance	Nursery Door
Key Worker Bubbles P5-7	9.00am	2.00pm	Side Door at Easton Avenue Entrance	Dismissed from Cliftonville Road Entrance



Please be reminded that no vehicles are permitted to park, drop off or pick up from Easton Avenue.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for helping to make World Book Day a huge success. We loved that so many people managed to find ways to dress up given that shops have been shut since December. The boys and girls seemed to be having a great time with the activities and thank you to everyone for sharing their photos. Thanks to Mrs McAloon for organising World Book Day 2021 and all the staff and parents for making it special for the children during lockdown.



Integration Week

This year we are celebrating our Integrated status throughout the week of 8th -12th March. The theme is 'Togetherness'. This year marks 40 years of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland and we would love your involvement in creating a 'Local History Project'. We are asking parents/grandparents for your stories on how peace has been built in NI and how Integrated Education has helped! A separate letter will be posted on Seesaw/Google Classroom outlining the activities and how you can help.



Bus Transport

The bus will not operate for the two weeks of Nursery to Primary Three return . Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements for transporting the children home each day. The bus will operate again when all classes return to school.

School Meals

Dinners will be available from Monday 8th to Friday 19th March for Nursery to Primary Three children only. Direct payments in lieu of free school meals will be made in respect of pupils in year groups that are not required to attend school and continue to learn remotely from home. Any child attending the Key Worker Supervision Scheme (P4-7) should continue to bring a packed lunch to school each day.



The menu for next week is below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons Chips Beans	Pasta Bolognaise Crusty Bread	Roast Beef Roast Potatoes Sweetcorn Gravy	Fish Coddies Peas Herb Diced Potatoes	Chicken Curry Boiled Rice Naan Bread
Ice Cream Tubs Apple Juice	Flakemeal Biscuit Milkshake	Fudge Yoghurts Fruit	Jelly and Fruit Water	Chocolate Muffin Orange Juice



Dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

The date of **Tuesday 25th May 2020**
has been set for the following:-

Confirmation	10:00am
First Holy Communion	11:30am



Dates for your Diary

St. Patrick's Day

School closed Wednesday 17th March



Easter Holidays

School will close at **12:00 noon** on our last day of school –
Friday 26th March 2021.

(We will start back again on Monday 12th April 2020)



Help for Families

We also understand that parents and families are struggling on every level at this time. We have put together a list of numbers that we hope you will find useful. Please make contact with these organisations, if you need support.



A new emotional well-being service called 'See, Hear, Respond' has been developed by Barnardo's. This service is to provide immediate support for children and young people to help them manage current challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic. Families may self-refer by using the webpage online form or by telephone 0800 157 7015 (12.00- 7.00pm Mon-Fri)



If you are vulnerable and finding it difficult to keep your home warm, contact NEA on 028 9023 9909 or warmandwell@nea.org.uk to see if they can help.



If you are struggling with debt, contact Christians Against Poverty on 0800 3280006 or <https://capuk.org> to see if they can help.



Samaritans is a confidential emotional support charity which has eight NI branches. It's free to call and its phone line 116123 is open 24 hours, 365 days a year for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair.



Foodbanks operate across the entire province. We have listed some of the local ones below. Foodbanks are there to assist you when you need them most. Don't be afraid to call or email them with your details. If nobody gets back straight away,

make sure that you try again. Most foodbanks don't have a dedicated member of staff answer their phone number so be patient. We have listed some of the local foodbanks below:

North Belfast Foodbank (multiple sites) This organisation has at least two sites in North Belfast. Make sure that you contact them beforehand as they operate a voucher system for collection. Ring them on 07902099840 or email on info@northbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

Storehouse (multiple sites) This is a charity that we have supported over the past number of years so you may already be aware of it. If not, Storehouse freely provides food, clothes and toiletry packs to families and individuals throughout Belfast who are experiencing extreme financial difficulty. You can contact the Storehouse Centre on 028 9023 6333 or email on matt@storehousebelfast.com

Methodist Church Foodbank (Shankill Road) This foodbank has asked that all enquiries are directed through the school so please contact the office (90351638) or email us on info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk