



CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Covid Update



As you are aware, from 10th September, the Public Health Agency (PHA) will have been undertaking contact tracing for a positive PCR test. The PHA has developed 'Frequently Asked Questions' to help explain what these changes mean for both schools and parents.

They are available at 'Contact tracing in Schools-Questions and Answers/HSC Public Health Agency (hscni.net)'. A letter from the Chief Medical Officer explaining this is displayed on our website. **Please note the PHA close contact guidance is displayed on our website also.** We would like to thank you for all your help and support during the first weeks of term. We must all work together to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Parents must take all precautions to protect everyone in our school so please do not, under any circumstances, send a child to school where they display symptoms – cough, temperature and loss of smell or taste. Children usually display mild symptoms but the risk to adults is much more severe. A child with Covid symptoms should only return to school on receipt of a **negative PCR test** result, provided they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours. If a test is not carried out, the child should not return to school for 10 days. Parents should inform the school office if their child receives a **POSITIVE PCR TEST**.

Punctuality

Parents are encouraged to ensure that all children arrive in school **promptly** in the mornings and are collected at the correct time. P1 11:30 am P2-P4 2:00pm P5-P7 3:00pm

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Playground

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Cliftonville Road



Easton Avenue

The school management have met with a spokesman from the Easton Avenue residents to ask for the gate to remain open for at least the next six weeks, subject to review and all parents and children being respectful that this arrangement is voluntary and at the discretion of the residents.

This gate is **ONLY** to be used for **PEDESTRIAN** access to school.

We would ask all parents to adhere to these simple rules:

NO CARS

NO PARKING

NO LITTERING

NO LOITERING

NO LETTING CHILDREN RUN IN AND OUT OF GARDENS

PE Days

Your child's teacher will inform you on which days your child's class will be doing PE. On these days, children wear our school PE kit to school. We are delighted to have an IFA coach in school for our Key Stage 2 pupils on Tuesdays.



School Uniform

The children all look really smart in their uniforms and we want that to continue. Details of school uniform suppliers are listed on our website.

School Fund

Parents are reminded that School Fund is £10 per pupil and £15 for a family. I would urge all parents to make this voluntary contribution as soon as possible.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will commence on Monday, 20th September and it will start at 8.00am. All children attending Breakfast Club must have pre-registered and if you would like an application form you may pick one up from the office.

Communication

It is essential for the school to be able to contact parents quickly. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been asking parents to ensure that we have their most up-to-date contact details. In addition, notes have been delivered, to all classes, through Seesaw. We have tried to reduce the traffic of notes back and forth, between school and home. However, if we don't have your latest contact details or you have not signed up to Seesaw, the school will not be held responsible, if you do not get essential information or updates.

Google Classroom and Seesaw

Parents are urged to sign up to Seesaw and Google Classroom using the codes provided by their child's teacher. If you wish to contact or send a message to your child's teacher, please contact the school office.

P1-P4 will be using Seesaw for homework

P5-P7 will be using Google Classroom for homework.



School Day Times

Class	START TIME	FINISH TIME
Nursery & P1 have been allocated individual, transitional times & dates		
P2	8.50am	2.00pm
P3	8.50am	2.00pm
P4	8.50am	2.00pm for September 3.00pm from 4 October (2pm Wednesdays)
P5-P7	8.50am	3.00pm (2pm Wednesdays)



Cash for Kids

We have some funding available from the Cash for Kids Basic Essentials Fund to help families suffering from the impacts of Covid-19 with their basic essentials. Please contact the office by email if you would like to be considered for this fund. Your request will be treated confidentially.

Drop-off



From Monday 27th September, as the children are now familiar with their route into class, we will be encouraging all parents in P1 to P7 to drop your children off at the entrance of the school and encouraging them to walk into the playground and to their door independently. This will be the first time for Primary 1 children! The Primary 1 children will now start school at 8.50am as well. All areas within the school will be supervised by staff from 8.45am.

Snack

Children in classes P1 to P3 will be provided with a healthy snack each day. There will be pancakes, brioche, wraps, crackers and cheese, yoghurts and a variety of fruit each week. The cost of this is £2 per week. Parents are asked to pay for this via **School Money**.



Nut Free Zone

Please remember that Cliftonville IPS is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not send your child to school with any food stuffs containing any form of nuts.

School Bus

The bus operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3pm and Wednesday at 2pm. Children in P2, P3 and P4 (for the month of September) wishing to travel on the bus will be supervised in school until 3pm.

We would encourage the children to wear a mask. Our Bus Escort will be wearing one and also ensuring that the children are socially distanced on the bus.



A note of the current route and stops is as follows:-

Bus stops:

Cliftonpark Avenue → Summer Street → Manor Street → Agnes Street → Shankill Road → Woodvale Road → Crumlin Road then onto part of Ballysillan Road and turning down onto the Oldpark Road

Please look at these and email into the school if you would use the bus if an additional stop, *following the above route*, was added. The cost of this bus is £1.05 per day, paid directly to the bus driver.



School Office OPENING HOURS



MONDAY	8:00am – 4:00pm
TUESDAY	8:00am – 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY	8:00am – 3:00pm
THURSDAY	8:00am – 4:00pm
FRIDAY	8:00am – 3:00pm

Office closed for lunch between 12:00 and 12:30

If you need to email the school, please use:

info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk

IF YOU HAVE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, PLEASE HELP US PROTECT
OUR BUBBLES AND WEAR A MASK!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCE YOU HAVE COLLECTED YOUR CHILD –
THEY CANNOT ENTER SCHOOL AGAIN TO USE THE TOILETS.

