



CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Covid Update



The situation continues to dominate the news and as such, restricts us in what we can do to further open up the school. However, we remain positive that we have reached the point in our society where we can all see daylight and continue to plan for normality as well as review our own, school based protocols. However, I suspect that we need to remain cautious and vigilant as we enter December. This is particularly important to the wearing of masks, as highlighted by our Executive.

Please ensure that you wear face coverings when entering school grounds. If you have to enter the office lobby, it is essential that you wear a face covering at all times unless medical exempt.

As I have said many times, we all need to work together to get our lives back on track and return to normality. We will only do this if we continue to work together and ensure that we take every precaution to break transmission and reverse the current trend of cases.

Parents must continue to take all precautions to protect everyone within 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**. There are many other emerging symptoms of Covid in children so the rule of thumb should always be if your child is sick, they should not be in school.

The Bells, the bells!

To try and inject some normality back into the school day, we will be re-introducing some of our school bells. A bell will ring again at 9am as all children should already be in school and ready to start their work. This is also to highlight to parents that if this bell rings and your child is not in school, then they are already missing the start of their lessons. Please ensure that your child(ren) are in promptly. Doors open just before 8.50am each morning and children can make their way to class from then.

Two additional bells will be introduced at 1.55pm and again at 2.55pm. These bells are to prompt the children that lessons have finished and it is now time to pack up and get ready to leave at 2pm or 3pm, depending on their year group.



Behaviour Letter System

You will shortly receive, with this bulletin, a letter outlining our revised letter system in relation to behaviour. Please take time to read this letter and then retain the **PARENT COPY** of the Coloured Letter System whilst returning, signed and completed to your child's class teacher. In addition to the White, Amber and Red letters, we also operate a Green letter for achievements of merit within our school and a number of children have already received one of these this academic year. As stated in the letter, this is a partnership, with you, to ensure that your child and every other child in their class meets their potential. Thank you for your continued support.





Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to operate from **8am** each morning and remains hugely popular. It is important that children arrive before 8.20am to guarantee that they have time to eat their breakfast and don't end up with indigestion.

All children attending Breakfast Club must pre-register and if you would like an application form you may pick one up from the office. Breakfast Club costs £1.30 per day and sessions can be paid for through School Money.

Parents of registered pupils can now book and pay for the sessions on the School Money website: www.eduspot.co.uk

Cash for Kids



We have been informed through our North Belfast network that money has been secured from Cash For Kids to help families, suffering from the impacts of Covid -19, with their basic essentials. This is not a pot of money for an individual school but schools can still forward details to the co-ordinator to access this limited fund. If you are experiencing an emergency situation at the moment and wish to apply for this, then please contact the school office or email us at info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk. All information will be treated sensitively and discreetly.

Like last year, we also anticipate some practical support from Cash for Kids, in the form of toys. Please watch out for a text message, if we do receive donations. Whilst there is no guarantee, we are still hopeful that this will happen. We fully understand the pressures that some families will be under this Christmas and want to be in a position to help, if possible. As above, contact us now, in anticipation that we receive a donation, through the same channels of call to office and/or email. It would be useful if you provide the age and gender of your child(ren) so that we can ensure that we match the presents with them, should we receive a donation. Even if your children don't attend CIPS, please provide their details.



International Award Success!

To celebrate this achievement, we have organised a celebration day for pupils on **Friday 3rd December**. The children will participate in various in-class activities throughout the day and some other special treats.



School Photographs

Tempest Photography have now sent all proof photographs to the school and these have been distributed to each class. Please follow the instructions carefully as the purchasing system has changed and this is online, direct with Tempest. **The photographs will be sent to school for distribution to the classes.**



Tempest will visit the school again in early 2022 to take class photos, individual photographs of children that had been absent (upon request) and hopefully family photographs, if conditions allow.



Two Down, Two To Go!

Some of our Primary Seven children will be sitting the second AQE test, this Saturday. For some of them, this will be their third Saturday in a row! We wish them all the very best and remind them that they are nearly there!

School Meals Menu – Monday 29th November (Week 1)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Italian Pasta Bake Homemade Garlic Bread Tossed Salad Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes	Salmon Bites Baked Beans Tossed Salad Chips Chilli Baby potatoes	Roast Loin of Pork Apple Sauce Herb Stuffing, Gravy Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Roast & Mash Potatoes	Homemade Cottage Pie & Gravy Wheaten Bread Fresh Sliced Carrots Green Beans Mashed Potatoes	Oven Baked Homemade Chicken Goujons Selection Dip Sauces Garden Peas Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes
Ice Cream, Mandarins & Chocolate Sauce	Melon Boat With Yoghurt	Yoghurt & Pineapple	Carrot Cake Custard	Swiss Roll Custard

Christmas Dinner



The canteen will offer a Christmas Dinner for pupils on Thursday 9th December.

The price will be the normal £2.60 or free to children who are entitled to Free School Meals.

The meal will consist of:

Turkey / Ham / Stuffing / Cocktail Sausages

Roast Potatoes / Cream Potatoes / Mixed Vegetables / Gravy

Ice Cream/ Juice



Finally.....

There have been a couple of incidents over the past weeks where parents approached other parents about something that had allegedly happened in school, between their children. This may be a normal reaction and if done respectfully, can often have a positive outcome. However, it can often make the situation worse. I would urge all parents not to approach another parent about an alleged incident, that has happened in school, between their children. Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or approach the school office. This approach will ensure that the incident can be resolved quickly, fairly and amicably without running the risk of your approach not being received well or the approach becoming heated and counterproductive.