



St. Mary's Primary School

20 Cloughcor Road, Ballymagorry, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. BT82 0BE.

Telephone No: 028 7184 1237

Principal: Mrs A Devine

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Dear Parent / Person with Responsibility,

I would like to welcome our school community back for the new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

School re-opens for P2-P7 pupils (P1 pupils have a staggered start) at 8.45am on **Thursday 1st September**.

Pupils should make their way to their classrooms at 8.45am where their class teacher will greet them. Teaching for all pupils will begin at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is on time each day.

P1&P2 pupils will finish at 2.00pm

P3-P7 will finish at 3.00pm

REVISED BUS TIMES (TRANSLINK, DOUBLE DECKER SERVICE)

Please see the morning schedule for Translink use:

08.05	Depart Strabane Bus Station
08.10	Altiskane
08.20	Glen Road
08.30	Dock Street
08.35	Glenside
08.40	Ballymagorry
08.45	Cloughcor PS

We would ask that pupils have a bus pass and that bus passes are **topped up** in order for your child to avail of the Translink Service. Thank you!

STAFF ALLOCATION P1-P7

P1	Ms Coyle assisted by Patricia Gallagher
P2	Mr McCrystall assisted by Niamh Boyle
P3	Miss Brolly assisted by Martina Foley
P4	Mrs Hegarty
P5	Ms McDowell (VP)
P6	Mrs Duffy assisted by Sara McNamee and Susie McCafferty
P7	Miss McAleer assisted by Mia Gallagher, Karen Doherty and Eimear McGillian

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners remains at £2.60 per day and we ask that it is paid at the beginning of each school week. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure it is balanced and healthy. All pupils should bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, it is important that you apply for this each year. Information on this can be found on <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>.

Please note If you have not yet received confirmation from the EA that your child is entitled to free school meals for this Academic year, your child's dinners will have to be paid until you receive confirmation. Alternatively, you can send a packed lunch with your child in the interim period.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL MILK

School milk will commence for Term 1 from **Monday 12th September – Friday 28th October (inclusive)** at a cost of £6.80. If you would like your child to avail of milk throughout Term 1 please send £6.80 in a clearly marked envelope with all of your child's details to school by **THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER** at the latest as the milk order needs to be placed with Grove Dairy on Friday 9th September.

P6 SWIMMING LESSONS

P6 pupils will have a ten week block of swimming lessons starting on **Wednesday 7th September**. All pupils will be given a letter about this on Thursday 1st September.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school
- If your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, do not send them to school
- Please keep me informed via adevine835@c2ken.net so that we can keep our school community safe.

Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

Information on the importance of good attendance from the Department of Education can be found below:-

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/attendance-matters-a-parents-guide.pdf>

In school we have an obligation to monitor children's attendance very closely and to report attendance percentages to the Education Welfare Officer on a regular basis.

Punctuality is essential as each time a child is late to school they are marked late and when they arrive after registration is closed – this impacts on their attendance.

It should be noted that holidays must not be arranged during school terms. Sufficient notice of school holiday date is given to parent/guardians in order for holidays to be arranged during these times.

Children are not permitted in the school grounds before 8.45am as there will be no supervision.

I welcome your support and understanding regarding the information above.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Andrea Devine
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL





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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM

Baker Days	Wed 24 th & Thurs 25 th August 2022
Staff Development Days	Fri 26 th , Tues 30 th & Wed 31 st August 2022
Bank Holiday (Closed) for staff & pupils	Mon 29 th August 2022
School re-opens for all pupils	Thurs 1 st September 2022
School Development Day	Mon 26 th September 2022
Half-Term	Mon 31 st October – Fri 4 th November 2022
School re-opens for all pupils	Mon 7 th November – Tues 20 th December 2022
Christmas Holidays	Tues (noon) 20 th Dec – Tues 3 rd Jan (inclusive)

SPRING TERM

School re-opens	Wed 4 th January 2023
Half Term for all pupils	Mon 13 th February - Fri 17 th February 2023
School Closed	Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th March 2023
Easter Holidays	Wed (noon) 5 th April – Fri 14 th April 2023 (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM

School re-opens	Mon 17 th April 2023
1 st Bank Holiday for all staff & pupils	Mon 1 st May 2023
School Closed for pupils	Mon 29 th May 2023
Summer Holidays	Fri 30 th June 2023