



St. Mary's Primary School

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

Telephone No: 028 7184 1237

Principal: Mrs A Devine

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Dear Parent/Person with responsibility,

Please see returning to school information below.

RETURN TO SCHOOL 2022

Pre-school /P1 pupils have already been given a start date by Sarcha, Pre-school Leader and Ms Coyle, P1 Teacher. P2-P7 pupils returned to school on Thursday 1st September.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

- Doors open at 8.45am for pupils in P1-P7. Pre-school pupils start at 8.45am. All pupils should be in school each morning no later than 9.00am. Pupils using Translink will be on site approximately at 8.45am.
- Please ensure you park carefully outside the school gates – be kind, as parking is limited!!
- Only exit your vehicle if your child requires assistance (physical difficulties). We are limiting foot fall on site and would ask that your child makes his/her way to class each morning by his/herself.
- When collecting pupils, parents should wait by their cars and staff will see their children out of the school building.

WHERE DOES MY CHILD GO WHEN DROPPING OFF IN THE MORNING?

- All pupils should make their way to their individual classrooms as established last year.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO SCHOOL?

- Please ensure your child brings in a mid-morning snack and packed lunch if not availing of a canteen meal. All items should be clearly marked with your child's name. Pupils may bring in school bags/lunch bags to schools.
- Please ensure that your child has a pencil case with pencils, rubbers, colouring pencils for his/her own use only.

FINISHING TIMES

Class	Finishing time
P1	2.00pm
P2	2.00pm
P3	3.00pm
P4	3.00pm
P5	3.00pm
P6	3.00pm
P7	3.00pm

REMINDER REGARDING TRANSLINK BUS TIMES & STOPS

STRABANE TO ST MARY'S PS CLOUGHCOR	
Translink Depot	8.05am
Altiskane	8.10am
Curlyhill Road (Glen Road)	8.20am
Dock Street Bus Shelter	8.30am
Strabane, Glenside	8.35am
Ballymagorry	8.40am
St Mary's PS Cloughcor	8.45am
ST MARY'S PS CLOUGHCOR TO STRABANE	
St Mary's PS Cloughcor	2.00pm / 3.00pm
Ballymagorry	2.05pm / 3.05pm
Strabane, Glenside	2.10pm / 3.10pm
Dock Street Bus Shelter	2.15pm / 3.15pm
Glen Road	2.25pm / 3.25pm

- Cash fare from Dock Street/Glen Road is £1.40. A 10 journey top up card will cost you **£10.50**
- Cash fare from Tulacorr is £1.25. A 10 journey top up card will cost you **£9.00**
- Top up at Translink Bus Depot
- Please note that pick up/drop off times are approximate

NUT ALLERGY

A growing number of our pupils are presenting with allergies. If your child has a specific allergy, please contact me on 7184 1237 so that I can make canteen/teaching staff aware. **Please ensure pupils do not bring snacks/sandwich spreads with traces or which may contain nuts e.g Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches, any type of nuts, snickers, tracker bars.**

PE GEAR

Pupils will **wear their PE gear** to school on the day/days of P.E. Class teachers will inform pupils of their PE day/s. Pupils will remain in their PE gear all day. **PUPILS SHOULD ONLY WEAR HIS/HER PE GEAR TO SCHOOL IF IT IS THEIR P.E. DAY.**

Class	PE DAY
P1	Monday /Wednesday
P2	Tuesday/Thursday
P3	Tuesday/Thursday
P4	Monday
P5	Wednesday
P6	Tuesday
P7	Thursday

WHAT IF I NEED TO SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF?

Please contact the School Office on 7184 1237 and you will be advised depending on the nature of your need. If you wish to pay a bill, please send money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name on it. If you wish to pass a message to your child's teacher, you can do this by telephoning the office and Miriam or I will inform the class teacher.

In the event of a concern, parents should speak to their child's teacher, in the first instance. If still not satisfied, the concern can then be directed to Mrs Devine.

Entry to the building will be strictly for pupils, staff and essential visitors/maintenance who have arranged their visit by prior appointment.

MEDICAL/ DIETARY NEEDS:

If your child has any medical or dietary needs that we are unaware of, please contact the school so that we can keep your child safe whilst at school.

DINNER MONEY:

Pupils taking dinner money should bring the payments for these in a plastic money bag or sealed envelope. These should contain the **EXACT** payment as change cannot be given and should have the details clearly written on the envelope/money bag. Dinners cost £2.60 per day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils wear their school uniform every day unless it is their designated P.E. days and they wear P.E. gear to school. Thank you!

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 **TOMORROW THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER** as the milk order needs to be placed with Grove Dairy on Friday 9th September.

DINNER MENU

A copy of the canteen dinner menu has been attached for your information.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE IN THE MORNING OR IF THEY HAVE LEFT DINNER MONEY/LUNCH/SNACK AT HOME BY MISTAKE?

As you are aware pupils have specific entrance points to access their classroom(s). If however, you are unavoidably delayed, please telephone the school on 02871 841 237 and you will be informed as to when your child can enter the school. We need to know if your child is late so that we can amend the Class Register. Pupils who are late must not simply enter the school through a different door with another class. Likewise, if your child has forgotten his/her lunch and if you wish to leave it out to school, please phone the School Office and a member of staff will collect dinner/snack or dinner money from you.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS ILL?

We would ask that you do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. If your child presents with any sickness during the school day we will make contact with you and ask that you phone the school on your arrival to collect your child and we will bring your son/daughter to you.

If your child **shows** any symptoms of COVID-19, your child should be tested and the school must be kept informed. If your child is ill or absent from school for any reason, please inform our secretary. The reason for your child's absence also needs to be stated as we have to supply the Department of Education with statistical information for pupil attendance each day.

MUSICAL TUITION

Musical Tuition from EA will resume for our P5-P7 pupils on **Friday 9th September**. Please ensure your child brings his/her instrument to school if they have been given one.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Data Collection Sheets will be sent home with your child today. I would ask that you look at the details, make any changes and return the form to the school as soon as possible. It is vital that we have your up-to-date contact details in order for you to receive all text messages and in the event of us needing to make contact with you.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School will be closed on **Monday 26th September** for all pupils. This is a School Development Day for **ALL STAFF only**. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 27th September.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrea Devine

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



St Mary's - Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 29 th Aug 26 th Sept 24 th Oct 21 st Nov 19 th Dec 16 th Jan	Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty bread Sweetcorn Salsa/Potato Salad Herb Dice Potatoes Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or BBQ Chicken Panini Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Roast Loin of Pork or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurts
WEEK 2 5 th Sept 3 rd Oct 31 st Oct 28 th Nov 26 th Dec 23 rd Jan	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Breaded Fish Fillets or Lasagne & Crusty bread Sweetcorn & Peas/ Asian Slaw Mashed Potato Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake	Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini Herb Dice Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad Apple Sponge & Custard	Steak Burger & Bap or French Bread Pizza Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks
WEEK 3 12 th Sept 10 th Oct 7 th Nov 5 th Dec 2 nd Jan 30 th Jan	Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Sponge filled with Yoghurt & Fruit	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread Garden Peas or Beef Burger & Gravy Potatoes Salad Selection Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks	Roast Gammon or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Melody of Fruit	Breaded Chicken Goujons or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla Wrap Pasta Salad Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Wedges Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce
WEEK 4 19 th Sept 17 th Oct 14 th Nov 12 th Dec 9 th Jan 6 th Feb	Spaghetti Bolognase with Crusty Bread or Tuna or Chicken & Sweetcorn Wrap Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Roast Beef or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie and Banana chunk	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, or Beef Burger & Gravy Garden Peas Mashed Potato Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken and Cheese Panini Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

Breads
Milk, Water
A Choice of Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily

If you require any additional information on Allergens or Special Diets, please contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form

Potatoes/Gravy/ Pasta Available Daily

Menu choices subject to deliveries

