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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please see important information about returning to school.

School Dates

Term 1 will begin on Tuesday 29th August at 8:55am. **On Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st August packed lunch will be required for P2-7.** School dinners begin on Friday 1st September.

Finishing times are:

P1 - 12:30pm (1:45pm from 2nd October)

P2-3 - 1:45pm

P4-7 - 2:45pm

Doors open at 8:40am. Pupils should not be left unsupervised prior to this time and should not use playground equipment. At finishing times, parents/guardians should collect their child from the school playground.

Parking

For safety reasons, vehicles are not permitted beyond the roundabout in the school drive. All vehicles should park in the lower area. Exemptions apply - please ask for a form in the school office to apply for an exemption due to e.g., mobility issues.

Healthy Breaks

We follow DE guidelines to encourage healthy eating habits. A choice of the following is allowed at mid-morning break:

- water (still & unflavoured), milk
- fruit (fresh, frozen, or tinned in natural juice)
- vegetables (sliced or cut into sticks) and
- bread-based snacks

Exceptions are made for children with specific dietary requirements as advised by a state registered dietician. Please let us know if exemptions should be applied.

Water

Pupils may drink still, unflavoured water during the school day. All water bottles should have a pull-up lid to minimise spills.

School Meals

School meals cost £2.60 per day. The menu is on the school website. Send in money, each Monday, in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the days required. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply using this link.

<https://freeschoolmealsanduniforms.eani.org.uk/>.

Afterschool clubs.

Activity Club 1 (1:45-2:45pm) runs 4 days per week for P1-3 and Activity Club 2 runs 4 days per week for P1-7. These clubs should be booked each Monday for the week ahead. **Activity Clubs 1 and 2 will begin on Tuesday 29th August.** Clubs cost £2.50 per one hour session. Bee Active will take sports activity one day each week. Further details to follow.

Attendance

Regular, punctual attendance is very important to your child's education. **Pupils who arrive after 8:55pm will be recorded as late. Please telephone the school before 9.15am if your child is absent.** All late arrivals and absences need to be coded on the computer system.

Administering Medication

Pupils should not attend school if they are acutely unwell or infectious. Prescribed medication will only be given to pupils with complete written and signed instructions from the parent/guardian and agreement from the Principal. Forms are available from the school office. All medication should be in a secured and labelled container as originally dispensed.

School Uniform

Embroidered school uniform items can be purchased in Robin Fields, Banbridge. Plain items of uniform are widely available. School uniform is:

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers White polo shirt Navy sweatshirt (with school badge) Grey socks Black shoes	Grey skirt or pinafore White polo shirt Navy sweatshirt (with school badge) Grey knee socks or grey tights Black shoes
<u>PE Kit: Pupils will wear P.E. Kit on P.E. days</u> Trainers Navy track bottoms/leggings Navy sweatshirt (with school badge) White polo shirt	

All items of clothing should be clearly named

Resources

Pupils will require the following for starting the new term:

P1-3	P4-5	P6-7
1 liquid hand soap 2 boxes of tissues 1 packet of baby wipes 2 Pritt sticks 2 clear pencil cases (for words and sounds) – P1 only Pencil case with pencils, rubber and colouring pencils - P2/3 only	1 box of tissues Pencil case Writing pencils/ rubber/sharpener 30 cm ruler 2 Pritt sticks 2 drywipe markers Twistables and felt tips	1 box of tissues Pencil case Writing pencils/ rubber/sharpener 2 Pritt sticks 2 drywipe markers Colouring pencils and/or felt tips
P1/2 will be supplied with plastic schoolbags, P3-7 should bring their own schoolbag.		

Enjoy the summer break.

Kind regards,
 Mrs Wright

