



September Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. A very warm welcome to our new pupils and parents. I hope you find our newsletter helpful and informative.

Congratulations

We would like to wish Miss Liggett our congratulations on her recent marriage. She will be returning to us as Mrs McBurney!

School times

Classes begin at 8:55am. It is important that children are punctual. Doors will open for pupils from 8:40am. Please ensure social distancing at all times when in the school playground.

Collection of children

Thank you for collecting children punctually at the end of their school day. P1 pupils will leave at 12:30pm, P2/3 at 1:45pm, P4 and older siblings at 2:45pm.



Please contact the school if there is any change to who collects your child. P1-3 pupils should be collected from their exit points and P4-7 pupils will be brought to the playground for collection.

School Meals

School dinners will begin on Wednesday 1st September. Dinner costs £2.60 per day (£13 per week). The menu for September is currently on the school website at milltownprimaryschool.co.uk.

Milk

Milk is available in Term 1 from 13th September - 17th December. If you wish your child to have milk at break-time it will cost £13.65 per child for the term. Please have milk orders in by Monday 6th September.

School Fund

Parents are asked to contribute to the school fund at the beginning of each year. The amount is £6.00 per pupil with a limit of £12.00 for families with two or more children attending the school.

Instrumental Tuition

Our woodwind and string tutors will be beginning lessons shortly. Further details will follow.

Medical Needs

If your child has any medical needs, of which the school should be aware, please inform the class teacher as soon as possible.

****Nut Allergy please be advised that, due to a pupil having a nut allergy NO NUTS (or items containing nuts) SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL as it poses a serious health risk. Your co-operation in this is important and much appreciated.**

Asthma - If your child has asthma, please check that, if necessary, there is a labelled inhaler in school (which has not expired).

Flu Vaccinations

School has been informed that flu vaccinations are scheduled for Thursday 30th September.

Pupil Attendance

Due to the current pandemic and the Public Health Agency it is necessary to follow all guidance **Do not send your child to school if they are unwell.**

Absences

All absences need to be coded accurately on our computer system. School should be kept informed of all pupil absences (and periods of self-isolation) so accurate details are kept and appropriate procedures followed.

Contact the school office on the first morning of any pupil absence.

Covid-19 Procedures

A reminder of the symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss or change of taste or smell



If your child displays any of these symptoms during the school day, you will be contacted to collect your child and any other siblings from school. If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 the following procedures should be followed:

- Stay at home, book a PCR test and self isolate until results are known
- If result is positive, self-isolate for 10 days and inform the school
- If negative, follow the same advice as for a close contact

Close Contacts

If your child is identified as a close contact, there are two procedures to be followed:

- If your child has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days they may continue to attend school if they are displaying no symptoms.
- If they have not had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days, they should stay at home and book a test. If the test is negative they may return to school. A second test will also need to be carried out on Day 8.

See the Public Health Agency Flow Chart for Close Contacts for further details of these procedures.

Please note these procedures may change on the issue of further directives.

Thank you for wearing a face covering within the school grounds. Together we will aim to do all we can to ensure a full term at school for all our pupils.

If any family needs to contact the school over the weekend due to Covid-19, please email me at hwright575@c2ken.net.

It has been lovely to welcome all the pupils back to school and to see our new P1 pupils. Please make contact with school if you have any questions or concerns. Together, as a school staff, we strive to ensure every pupil is safe, happy and learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright