

**School Information for Parents/Guardians**

**Monday 6 September 2021**

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**Back to school!!**

It is great to see the children back at school full of excitement and eager to do well in their new school year. Let’s hope that in spite of all the difficulties we have experienced last year we can continue to keep going as best we can. The children are a credit to you all and we hope that all the routines we have in place will continue to keep everyone safe. Thank you all for your continued support in working with us to keep the school open and safe.

**A word of thanks!!**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Don, Claire and Donna for their great work over the summer in preparing the school for the children coming back in September. The school is looking fantastic!

Thanks also must go to all the staff for their hard work in getting everything ready for the new school year. There is a lot of hard work in making sure that everything is in place for the beginning of the school year. I wish the school and its community every success and God’s blessing for the year ahead.

**Monday 6 September**

* Breakfast Club open every day 8.00 – 9.00 am

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS AND/OR ADDRESS.**

* After School Club open every day 2.00 - 5.30pm
* Dinner menu Week 2

**Tuesday 7 September**

**Wednesday 8 September**

**Thursday 9 September**

**Friday 10 September**

* Principal Awards

**Up and coming information & dates for your Diary**

**After School Childcare – Spaces available!!!**

* Sunshine Club: 2.00 – 3.00 pm (£2) 3.00 – 5.30 pm (£2 per hour or part thereof)
* Breakfast Club: 8.00 – 9.00 am (£2 per day)
* **Mid Term Break October 2021:**

Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October (inclusive)

Christmas Break 2021:

12 noon Wednesday 22 December – Wednesday 5 January (inclusive)

Have a very enjoyable weekend and thanks for your continued support.

Mr K O’Neill Principal

**St Brigid’s Primary School – Castle Street – Ballymoney – BT53 6JX – 028 27662664**

**NUT FREE SCHOOL**

**St Brigid’s PS is a Nut Free School. There is a child in our school with a Nut Allergy.**

**Please do not send in Nuts or Nut Spreads to school.**

Medical Information

**Measles, chickenpox and shingles**

Please may we ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

As you may be aware, one of our pupils, Caden Moore, has a blood disorder and immune deficiency disease which puts him at risk if he is exposed to measles, chicken pox and shingles.

* Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.
* Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within 3 days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox you should let us know immediately.
* It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household.
* In addition, if there are any other illnesses e.g. colds, flu, vomiting bugs, could you please just contact the school and let us know.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of Caden, who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

**Speed in the Chapel Car Park**

Please be mindful of your speed in the chapel car park when dropping off and picking up the children. The car park is busy with children moving to and from cars. All drivers must be careful. Speed limit is 10 miles per hour.

**Important Notice**

When using the car park at the chapel, please do not park in front of the gates as they are emergency exits and must be kept clear at all times for access. There are a good number of spaces to park in so please use the designated parking spaces. Please do not park in the disabled space without a blue badge as some cars need this facility.

The front car park is very busy and only for children arriving by bus, taxi or for the Learning Support Centre.

**Pupil Absence**

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on the first day of absence, give the reason for absence and possible duration.

Thank you

**Online forms to be submitted**

The following forms are available by using the links below. **Please complete and submit the forms before Friday 10 September.** The electronic forms do not take long to complete and they mitigate against paper copies going back and forward between school and home.

**ICT CODE OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS**

To access the ICT Code of Practice Agreement for Pupils and Parents please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/cZCCD83QsC>

**CONSENT FORM FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND FOOTAGE**

Please click on the following link to access the consent form to be submitted:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RvV1isxq5V>

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Important**

Could your child be entitled to free school meals? Did your child receive free school meals last year? Remember you may need to confirm details with the Education Authority. If you think you are entitled but are unsure about what to do please call the office for advice.

**COVID-19**

**Face Coverings on the school premises.**

Unless exempt, please could all adults entering the school playground/premises wear a face covering.