

*'Forward Together in Friendship and Faith'*

## JONESBORO'PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday, 25 August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As our new term approaches, we look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school. We hope you enjoyed a restful and fulfilled summer.

Our new term will begin on Wednesday 1st September.

### **Start and finish times**

We will operate a 10 minute 'soft start' to each day which means the gates will open at 8.45am.

Children can arrive anytime between 8.45am and 8.55am. Classes will begin at 9am promptly.

We will continue to follow a staggered finishing time detailed below

Primary 1 parents have received times for their class

Primary 2 - 3 pick-up times are Surnames A - Mc **1.50pm** Surnames Mu - W **2pm**

Primary 4 - 7 pick-up times are Surnames A - Mc **2.50pm** Surnames Mu - W **3pm**

**Parents are strongly requested not to enter the school at these times.**

### **School Uniform**

As always Parents are encouraged to adhere to the schools Uniform Policy, this promotes a sense of uniformity among our children and reduces the pressure on children to compete with peers. Our school uniform remains the same and can be purchased from McEvoy's,

We have a variety of second chance sweatshirts still available in school, please contact the school office after 9.30 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Uniform consists of :

Navy round-neck sweatshirt with school logo

Blue polo shirt with/without school logo

Navy skirt, pinafore, trousers or PLAIN navy tracksuit bottoms (NON BRANDED)

2nd chance Sweatshirts are available from the school at a cost of £4

### **Break and Lunch**

Following a recent survey from the community dental and school health trusts, indicating that our children's teeth and health are suffering as a result of inappropriate diet, we are embarking on a new Healthy Eating Initiative. This term we are urging parents to support us by providing only fruit, vegetables, small sandwich, water or milk for morning snack. A copy of our full Healthy Eating Policy can be obtained from the school.

**We also remind you that nut products and products that may contain nuts are not permitted in school.**

Children in years 1 to 3 will continue to receive healthy snack at a cost of £6 per month, this should be paid at the beginning of each calendar month.

School dinners are available to all children at a cost of £2.60 per day/£13 per week, it is essential that parents pay for dinners on the day or in advance, as the EA has advised schools to refuse dinners not paid.

Children can continue to take a packed lunch, this lunch should be a small healthy lunch, containing sandwiches/savoury food, fruit, yoghurt, milk or water.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should take their snack and lunch into school with them in the morning. At the end of last term, we experienced a very high volume of parents calling to the gate to drop off snacks and lunches. While we understand that on rare occasions parents may need to drop items into school, we appreciate your co-operation and support with this organised approach.

### **School Bags**

Children in years 1 to 3 can use the schools book bag (available from the school office at a cost of £5) this bag will be used solely for children to carry their home learning documents to and from school on the designated days. No other items should be stored in these bags. Children will be given their own stationery in class and parents are asked to keep a set of stationery at home for homework tasks.

Children in years 4 to 7 do not need school bags. Their home learning activities will be sent home on a Monday in a folder.

### **Enhanced Hygiene**

We will continue to ask our children to wash their hands when they enter the school and regularly throughout the day.

We will limit the volume of items in transit from school to home and vice versa, we ask parents to make an extra effort to sanitise items that are regularly in transit between school and home such as lunch boxes, homework folders and book bags.

### **Absences**

Following Guidance set out by the department of education parents/carers are requested to contact the school to inform of any absence. This can be done by email the reason may be offered verbally (by phone call) but must still be followed by email or letter.

Should we not receive any information about an absence then, In the interests of Child Protection, we will telephone home each morning should a child not appear for school. We would also encourage parents to have children arrive at school on time.

School attendance and punctuality will be monitored and parents informed of any worrying trends in either attendance or punctuality.

### **Monies**

Parents/ carers are asked to deposit all monies in the 'Drop off' box stationed at the school gate. Please remember to use an envelope or bag and clearly record the amount of money, your child's name and what the payment is for.

### **Contact Point**

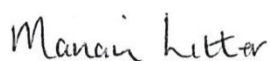
Any parents wishing to contact the school can do so via phone 02830848330 or email [emurphy867@c2kni.net](mailto:emurphy867@c2kni.net). Messages sent via our Facebook page etc. are not monitored or the correct avenue for making contact with.

Unless in an emergency situation teachers are unable to take a call during teaching time. If you would like to contact your child's teacher, phone or email into the school office and a return phone call can be arranged.

### **Holidays**

List of holidays for 2021/2022 be published once they are confirmed.

Kind regards



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