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St. Mary's Primary School (Lisbuoy)

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Principal: Mrs. M. Martin

Thursday 24th August 2023

Return to School

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. We are keen to see the return of all our pupils at the beginning of the new school year. As we begin our new school year we wish Mrs Aileen McConnell health, happiness and enjoyment in her retirement. We are delighted that Miss Alice Mackle will return to St. Mary's to cover the vacant post this year.

Drop off & Pickup

We ask that parents continue to operate a one-way system for dropping off and picking up children. Please approach school from Carland Hill to allow your child/children to exit/enter the car safely at the school gate. Weather permitting, children will play outside before school (8.30-8.45am). For pick up, please wait patiently in the traffic queue from Carland hill and we will release your child/children through the gate directly to your car. We ask that parents remain in their cars. Please try to avoid turning above the school and coming back into the flow of the one-way traffic. If possible, continue to the end of the Lisnagowan Road and take left towards Donaghmore or right onto the Cookstown Road. We are aware that this may lengthen your journey slightly but it will ease congestion at the school gate, particularly on wet days. Children may arrive at school from 8.30am. Please be aware that pupils are not insured to be on the school premises before 8.30am in the morning. We ask that all children are in school by 8.45am for the school day.

Uniform

As we begin this new school year, could we please ask that *all* children wear their full school uniform to school everyday, school PE kit on PE days.

Boys: yellow polo shirt & navy sweatshirt with school crest, navy trousers or plain navy jogging bottoms

Girls: yellow polo shirt & navy sweatshirt with school crest, navy skirt/pinafore, navy trousers, leggings or plain navy jogging bottoms.

Half zips are available but are not compulsory.

Please avoid branded/striped jogging bottoms!

The school sports' kit is available to buy from the school office. It consists of a school jersey, shorts, and socks. Children may also wear a white round neck t-shirt and navy shorts for PE. Half zips can be worn with the PE kit.

Please label all items of school uniform clearly. Thank you

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Supplies

All children should bring their own stationary/resources to school on the first day back; pencils, colouring pencils/markers, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, scissors, whiteboard markers, ruler (30cm ruler P3-7). P7 pupils will require a compass, protractor and black ball point pens.

Children should bring their own clearly labelled water bottle and tissues.
These items will all remain in school and should be replenished as required.

Snack

We will continue to provide snack in school; toast, crackers, breadsticks, cheese and a choice of milk or water daily.

Lunch/Dinners

School dinners will be available from **Friday 1st September** from a set menu, priced £2.60.

Term One

Term one will begin on **Wednesday 30th August for P1 and P7 pupils only 9.00-11.30pm**
All other pupils will begin on Thursday 31st August, full time. All children will require lunch on this day.

P1-2: 8.45am - 2.00pm

P3-7: 8.45am - 3.00pm (Monday-Thursday) 2.00pm (Friday)

We appreciate that most children will be looking forward to returning to school, however there will be some who may find this experience daunting. Please talk to your child/ren to prepare them for their school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support; it's greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Martin

Mrs Martina Martin
Principal