



**Silverstream**  
Primary School & Nursery Unit

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your continued co-operation with the current arrangements for dropping off and collection.

### **Break**

Break is now available to purchase from the school kitchen. However, we are unable to take cash payments, therefore, if you would like your child to buy break from the school kitchen, you must set up a credit payment with School Gateway. If you do not have a user login for School Gateway please email Mrs Wingar [ywingar110@c2kni.net](mailto:ywingar110@c2kni.net) and she will help you get connected.

Children are still welcome to bring their own healthy snack from home, if they would prefer.

### **Lunch**

Hot lunches will continue to be served to children currently on the free school meal register for the week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

I am continuing to work with the Education Authority regarding applications that are still being processed, but there seems to be a significant backlog. I would strongly encourage any parent who thinks their child should be entitled to a free school meal, but is not currently in receipt of it to contact EA ([MealsandUniforms-Ballymena@eani.org.uk](mailto:MealsandUniforms-Ballymena@eani.org.uk)) and ask for confirmation of the current status of their application.

The current arrangements for hot meals in school continue to remain under review and will be discussed further with members of the Board of Governors at our next meeting to decide our next steps.

We hope to be in a position to offer hot meals to everybody as soon as it practically possible, however, the safety of all our pupils and staff remains our main priority at all times.

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## **IMPORTANT – FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATIONS**

Free school meals **MUST** be applied for every year, so if you think your child may be entitled to these, please submit an application online via the Education Authority website (<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>).

## **CHARITY COLLECTION – BATTLE OF BRITAIN WINGS APPEAL**

Due to the current pandemic, many of our local charities are struggling with their fundraising activities. The Carrickfergus Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association have been in contact to ask for our support in their annual Battle of Britain Wings Appeal. Therefore, there will be a collection bucket provided at the school gate each morning from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September for children to donate any loose change. The money will be given directly to the charity. We will not be counting it. Your anticipated support in this fundraising event is much appreciated.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER - NUT FREE SCHOOL\*\*\***

Due to several children within our school community who are allergic to nuts, it is **ESSENTIAL** that no products containing nuts enter the school grounds.

Your co-operation in this very important matter is much appreciated.

### **Absence Notes**

If your child is absent from school, please send an email to Mrs Wingar ([ywingar110@c2kni.net](mailto:ywingar110@c2kni.net)) to explain the reason for their absence.

### **Exceptional Closure**

School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September for a staff development day.

If you have any queries regarding any of this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Mrs Stewart

Principal

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