



## 9th November 2020 — Newsletter

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### Staggered Arrival Time — 8.45am—9.10am

We will continue with the staggered morning arrival. Parents can chose a time of their convenience to leave their child/ren to school between 8.45am—9.10am. We have found that the majority of our pupils have arrived by 9.10am so would encourage all parents to endeavour to leave their child/ren to school by 9.10am. This will enable teachers to get learning started slightly earlier in their classrooms each morning.

### Staggered Home Times — Week beginning Monday 9th November

At school we continue to work mainly in our sixteen class bubbles. Within the school timetable Y4-7 teachers are released on one afternoon a week between 2-3pm to work on planning, preparation and assessment tasks in relation to their class. During this time their class is covered by a Y1-3 teacher. Last week with having our first positive cases of Covid-19 within school we have reviewed this practice and Y4-7 teachers will teach their class for the full day, Monday—Thursday, and Year 6 and Year 7 classes will finish earlier on Fridays to allow time for planning, preparation and assessment:

Y1	1.45pm all week	
Y2 and Y3	2.00pm all week	
Y4	2.30pm all week	
Y5	2.40pm all week	
Y6	2.50pm Monday—Thursday	2.20pm Friday
Y7	3.00pm Monday—Thursday	2.10pm Friday

We understand the inconvenience this may cause parents but ask for parents' understanding as this is the only solution to manage the situation to ensure the minimum risk.

### Remote Learning

We have two classes and the associated staff self isolating. Teachers as before will endeavour to provide remote learning through guidance on the class Seesaw page. We have also been informed of some pupils in other classes that have been notified by the PHA to also self-isolate. Please remember in this situation remote learning is going to be much more challenging to deliver as it is impossible for a teacher to both teach a class and provide remote learning at the same time. Ideally it would be great if teachers could be released from class to give them time to prepare remote learning resources but then this compromises the class protective bubble. In these situations, teachers will do their best with provide screenshots on the class Seesaw page of the main literacy and numeracy activities being covered within the week. Pupils who are self-isolating can also continue to use the school's on-line learning resources of Reading Eggs/AR and Mathletics at home.



# COVID-19 UPDATE



## Parent Teacher Progress Meetings — Monday 16th November—Friday 20th November

Teachers would like to meet with parents in person as in previous years, but unfortunately with such a large school it is more in keeping with government guidance to conduct parent teacher progress meetings by telephone. Within school we have only two phone lines so some teachers will be ringing from a mobile phone. Please note if teachers are using a mobile phone the number will not be displayed. More information of dates and times to follow on class Seesaw pages.

Home times will be as follows for the Parent Teacher Progress Meetings week:-

Y1	1.45pm all week
Y2 and Y3	2.00pm all week
Y4	1.35pm all week
Y5	1.25pm all week
Y6	1.15pm all week
Y7	1.05pm all week

Year 7 Remembrance Day Trip to Ballymoney War Memorial — more information to follow on class Seesaw page

## Road Safety

We have never had so many Year 5—7 pupils walking home from school. Please continue to remind your child/ren of the importance of crossing the road correctly and safely.

For anyone within our school community that has tested positive we hope you recover quickly, and, for anyone who is currently self-isolating we hope you keep well.

Mrs Jamison