

# KNOCKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### School Closures and New Term Sept 21

School will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. School finishes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and it will be a non-uniform day. We would ask for a contribution of £1 per child towards school funds. We hope to finish at 12 noon and are waiting on confirmation from EA transport. No school meals available. School reopens on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### School Meals

Can we please remind you that dinners need to be **booked and paid for on a Monday.** Please place money in an envelope which is clearly labelled with child's name, class, days meals required and amount enclosed. Money envelopes can be purchased from the office.



Are you entitled?

### Free School Meals

All free school meal entitlements automatically end on 30<sup>th</sup> June each year. Parents with a child already in receipt of free school meals will receive a reminder from the Education Authority to reapply for September 2021. New applications for September 2021 should be made on the EA website, [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk), during July. Please apply in good time as the Education Authority may take some weeks to approve your application and we cannot provide a free meal for your child until we have confirmation of entitlement.



### Sun Protection

We are actively encouraging all children to wear a hat and sunglasses when they play outside. On sunny days please send your child to school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap. Please apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before he/she comes to school. Please also send a bottle of high factor sunscreen to school clearly labelled with your child's name. It is also helpful if you teach your child how to apply the sunscreen independently.

### Year 1 – September 2021

The Year 1 parents' meeting and pupil induction days are being kept under review in line with current DE guidance. We hope by 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June restrictions will allow us to proceed with these. Remember, please check our website on MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE for up-to-date information. It may be that we will need to amend the time your child originally received in order to comply with the guidelines in place at that time. Please share this information with anyone you know who has a pupil starting Year 1 in September.



### Punctuality and Attendance

We would like to thank all of the parents who diligently send their children to school on time each day and encourage excellent attendance. All of the educational research clearly shows that excellent attendance and punctuality are factors in enhancing educational performance and success in later life. Please keep this up as we complete the summer term. We would also encourage any families who are having difficulties in this area to speak to Ms Hardwick.

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## School Uniform

Due to lockdown, with shops closed and pupils working from home, we have made allowances with regard to school uniform for the summer term. However, we wish to remind parents that from September 2021 all pupils will be expected to wear the correct school uniform, including shoes. Information on our school uniform can be found on our website in the 'Parent Hub'.

## Annual Reports

An Annual Report will be issued in June. This will update you on your child's progress during the year.

## Updated Information

Thank you to parents who have kept up-to-date with what is happening in school through our website, Facebook and Dojo. This has been especially important during the last number of months as we received revised information from the Department of Education regarding Covid-19.



**As you know, we are still in a changing situation as we move forward from lockdown.**

**Please regularly check the 'News' and 'Newsletters' on our website for updates, especially before we start the Autumn Term.**



## Procedures for concerns

If you have any concerns, the first point of contact is your child's teacher or classroom assistant. An appointment can be made through the school office.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, an appointment can be made through the school office with one of our two DDTs, Mrs Burrows or Mrs Armstrong. If necessary, an appointment can also be made with Miss Hardwick.



Mrs Burrows  
Deputy Designated Teacher  
Mainstream



Mrs Armstrong  
Deputy Designated Teacher  
Units

## Vice-Principal Post



As you know, Mr Cunningham will be taking up the post of Principal of Ceara Special School in Lurgan. He will be dearly missed by all at Knockmore Primary and we send him our good wishes as he begins this new role.

Mr William Smith has been appointed to the post of Vice-Principal and will commence with us on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. It was lovely to meet him when he visited on 21<sup>st</sup> May. We welcome Mr Smith to Knockmore, look forward to working with him and wish him every success in his new post.



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - School Closed
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Check website for update on Year 1 induction
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - School Closed
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - School finishes for summer holidays (at 12 noon, dependent on confirmation). No dinners available.



**Remember to check our website and Facebook group for any updates**

