



**Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School**

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**September 2021 Arrangements**

<p><b>Pupil Attendance</b></p>	<p>We are still operating in a pandemic and parents will have an important role to play in ensuring that school remains safe for all pupils, parents and staff.</p> <p>Please remember do not send your child to school if your child or anyone you live with has any of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature); OR</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual); OR</li> <li>• a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social Distancing</b></p>	<p>Social distancing requirements between pupils are currently relaxed although schools are encouraged to endeavour to implement as much social distancing as is practical.</p> <p>Social distancing of 2 metres remains in place between adults and as far as possible between adults and pupils.</p> <p>Social distancing will be relaxed for non-teaching staff supporting SEN pupils.</p> <p>For as much of the school day as possible we will continue to work and learn in class bubbles.</p> <p><b>Social Distancing</b></p> <p>Social distancing remains a key aspect of measures to be taken in school to mitigate the risks of virus transmission. While the Executive agreed that the stringent application of social-distancing requirements between pupils would be relaxed from August 2020, schools should continue to endeavour to implement as much social distancing as is practical where physical capacity and curriculum delivery permit. Public health guidance with respect to social distancing of 2 metres remains in place between adults and as far as possible between adults and pupils. Social distancing guidance applies across all areas of the school estate, both indoors and outdoors.</p>

<p><b>Hygiene</b></p>	<p>Pupils will wash their hands immediately on arrival at school and regularly throughout the day using soap and water. Younger pupils will be supervised to ensure hands are washed properly. Signage will reinforce personal hygiene standards.</p> <p>“Catch it, Bin it, Kill it” message will be reinforced in the classroom. A tissue or elbow should be used when coughing or sneezing.</p> <p>Touching of faces, eyes, mouths, nose should be discouraged.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is available for pupil and staff use around the building and at all main entrances.</p>
<p><b>Year 1 Induction Morning</b></p>	<p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021</p> <p>Parents will be notified of times by class teachers through Seesaw on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.</p>
<p><b>Pupils Start Date</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 for all pupils – 9.00am</p>
<p><b>Morning Arrival</b></p>	<p>To ensure that gatherings of adults are avoided and to help maintain social distancing, pupils can arrive between 8.45-9.00am.</p> <p>A member of staff will be on duty in the playground each morning to welcome pupils.</p> <p>To reduce congestion, we will use the three main entrance doors as follows:</p> <p>Foundation Entrance – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – Mrs Hamill’s class</p> <p>Key Stage 1 Entrance – Year 3 – Mrs Boreland’s class, Year 4 – Mrs Boyd’s class and Mrs Mack’s class (Speech and Language)</p> <p>Main Entrance – Year 4 – Mrs Handforth’s class, Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7</p> <div data-bbox="416 1339 1369 1917" data-label="Diagram"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School Plan of Main School Building</b></p> </div> <p>Please follow DE Guidance and do not gather outside the school gates. We would encourage you to drop your child/ren off safely, and then move away promptly. Only one parent/guardian should attend to drop off or collect his/her child. Parents/guardians should not enter the school building or school grounds unless required.</p>

	<p>On entering the school building, pupils will be offered hand sanitiser.</p> <p><i>We understand that some pupils have developed a sensitivity to the school hand sanitiser and parents may wish to provide their child/ren's own hand sanitiser. If this is the case, please contact your child's class teacher through Seesaw. If your child is bringing their own hand sanitiser to school, please ensure that it is labelled with your child's name. Your child's class teacher will keep the hand sanitiser in their classroom for your child to use each day.</i></p> <p>Pupils will then go to their cloakroom and hang up their coat, put their lunch box/bag on their class lunch stand and go to their classroom. Within the classroom they will hang up their school bag on the back of their chair and then wash their hands at the class sink using soap and water.</p>
<p>Home Times</p>	<p>At the end of the school day, teachers will escort each class to the front playground.</p> <p><b>To keep with social distracting guidelines and to ease congestion, we would ask parents/carers to not come into the playground until the noted time.</b></p> <p>If not waiting for another pupil. Please move away promptly once your child is collected, this will reduce congestion and also allow parking spaces to be created. Please continue to respect the local residents by not obstructing driveways. Cars should not be parked on the zig zag yellow lines outside school. If waiting to collect another pupil – parents/guardians are reminded that children in their care need to be fully supervised and cannot come back into the school grounds to play and run around.</p> <p>Year 1 – 1.55pm – 13<sup>th</sup> September onwards  (1st September — 10th September 12 noon — just break  13th September onwards — break and lunch — 1.55pm)</p> <p>Year 2 – 2.00pm</p> <p>Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday - 2.50pm Wednesday – Friday 2.00pm</p> <p>Year 4 – 2.55pm</p> <p>Year 5 – 2.55pm</p> <p>Year 6 – 3.00pm</p> <p>Year 7 – 3.00pm</p> <p>Each year at the beginning of the school year we ask parents to confirm the details of who will be collecting their child from school. More information to follow.</p> <p>If we have parental permission, Year 5 – 7 pupils may leave the playground unaccompanied. More information to follow.</p>

<p>Pupil Resources</p> <p>Please ensure everything is well labelled</p>	<p>School bag – pupils can bring their belongings to and from school in their school bag – parents, please clean daily if possible</p> <p>Pencil case – pupils can bring their stationery items to and from school in their pencil case – parents, please clean daily if possible</p> <p>Lunch box/bag – parents, please ensure this is cleaned daily</p> <p>Water bottle – please bring to school filled each morning – water only – parents, please ensure this is cleaned daily</p> <p><b>Pupils should not bring any other items such as toys into school from home</b></p>
<p>Clothing</p>	<p>Coat – parents, please ensure that it is clearly labelled</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>All pupils will have access to PE lessons. We will shortly let parents know their child/ren's PE days. On PE days Year 5 – 7 pupils will come to school in their PE uniform.</p>
<p>Break Arrangements</p>	<p>A morning break (toilet, hand wash, snack, drink and short play time) will be scheduled for each class.</p> <p>We ask for parents' support to promote health eating at break time. Please refer to the Healthy Food in Schools Policy on the school website for details of what may be sent with your child for a healthy break.</p> <p>Parents also have the option of purchasing milk for their child. More information to follow.</p>
<p>Lunch Arrangements</p>	<p>School dinner will be available from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All school dinners need to be booked and paid online.</p> <p>When we receive the dinner menu from the school kitchen, we will let parents know and add to the online booking system.</p> <p>Pupils will wash their hands before eating. Each class will either have their own section in the dining hall or eat in their classroom. Surfaces will be wiped down and disinfected between each sitting. Following eating, pupils will play in their zoned area within the playground.</p> <p>For any pupil taking a packed lunch, we would encourage parents to wipe down lunch boxes/bags and water bottles on return from school each day.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>Homework will continue as normal.</p> <p>We plan to continue with some elements of homeworks being delivered online through Seesaw and Google Classroom. More information on this will follow.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to wash his/her hands before and after he/she completes any school work at home.</p>
<p>Breakfast Club</p>	<p>Breakfast Club will be available, 8.00am – 8.45am.</p> <p>As previously pupils will sit in class bubbles.</p> <p>There is currently a daily charge of £1.50, bookings are to be made online through the school app. To facilitate staffing and the purchase of food items, bookings need to be made in advance.</p>

	<i>It was good to get Breakfast Club started at the end of the 2020-21 school year, but it did run at a loss. Unfortunately, as parents can appreciate this can't continue long term. We will review the situation at the end of September and update parents.</i>
Extra-Curricular Activities	We acknowledge the benefits of extra-curricular activities. We will follow DE Guidance and endeavour to resume these when possible.
Pupils who become symptomatic in school	If anyone becomes unwell (new continuous cough, high temperature/fever or loss of or change in sense of smell or taste) they and the members of their household within school will be sent home.  A pupil/family awaiting collection will wait in either the Medical Room or Principal's Office with adult supervision.
School Communication	<p>Parents can communicate with their child's class teacher through Seesaw from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please note that teachers within a busy classroom are really only able to read and respond to messages between 8.45-9.00am and after 3.00pm.</p> <p>Parents can communicate with school through the Communication Form on the school app.</p>



Arrangements based on DE Guidance issued on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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