

September Newsletter 2020.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome back, to all parents and carers.

A very sincere 'Thank you' to all who have shown full respect for the staggered start and finish times set in place in order to protect our children and staff and keep the class bubbles safe.

It is vital that all children who do not have siblings at our school arrive and leave at the times set for their class ONLY.

Once again, this is one major directive that will help to protect our children and staff and help keep our school open.

With this in mind, we can now reduce the time between each staggered start as follows:

from Monday 14th September as follows:-

9:00am P1 - Mrs Mc Fall (Top gate via Front Door)

P5 - Mrs Kenwell (Bottom Gate via bottom of front yard)

9:10am P1 - Mrs Quinn (Top Gate via Front Door)

P6 - Mrs Bradley/Miss Quinn (Bottom Gate via bottom of front yard)

9:20am P2 - Miss Mc Gahey (Top gate via Front Door)

P7 - Mrs Kinsella/Miss Mc Veigh (Bottom Gate via bottom of front yard)

9:30am P3 - Mrs Nugent (Bottom Gate via bottom of front yard)

P4 - Mr Hanna (Top Gate via bottom of front yard.)

This allows for all pupils to be in school for 9:30am.

Staggered home times remain as before.

Few additional reminders:-

- All children need to **bring a coat to school** every day. Make sure their name and class is on their coat.
- Thank you to all who have **returned reading books and texts books** - can I please appeal to anyone who still has resources from lock down to return them on or before this Friday 11th September to allow for them to be quarantined for 72 hours in a store room for use next week again.
- Please **apply for free school meals** on EA website as soon as possible if you think your child may be entitled to them.
- **Do not engage staff at the gates** at any time; phone into the school and the teacher will return your call when they are free to do so and as soon as they can.
- **Email the school on**

info@stpatricksps.coalisland.ni.sch.uk

This account will be responded to on the day a message is received and as soon as possible after receipt into the office.

- **Water bottles** and the quantity of disposable ones coming into school have been discussed. It is unfortunate, but we cannot at this time, allow children to bring in their own bottles that go home again each day and return the next at this point in time. Sterilising each bottle each morning when it enters the classroom is an unrealistic goal on top of current increased hygiene routines in place in every classroom. Therefore, disposable bottles - which we are recycling - remains in place until further notice.

A special welcome to our 40 Primary 1 pupils of 2020/21. They are a breath of fresh air and oh how quickly they have become accustomed to coming into school on their own without mums or dads leaving them to the classroom door - amazing!!

I would like to take this opportunity to pay full credit to every pupil at St Patrick's PS - they are a true credit to you, their parents, for how they have adapted to the changes and the

'new norms' we now have as part of our every day school life. Truly, they have been a pleasure to work with and welcome back to school again.

Take good care and keep safe and well,

With very best wishes,

A McGuinness

Anne McGuinness (Principal)