ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 28th January 2021

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Dear Parent,

I want to begin by sincerely thanking you all for the support you continue to give to the school and especially the superb support you are giving to your children across all classes with regards the Home Learning. It is like nothing we have had to face before as a world and so many challenges are being thrown your way and ours, but one thing is for sure, we all doing the very best we can to cope and to survive and to continue 'To be the best we can be, every day, in every way!' as our school motto says.

I also wish to take a moment to pay tribute to every teacher of St Patrick's PS for the professional manner in which they have reinvented their craft of being a teacher onto a virtual platform and, to our amazing Teaching Assistants, secretary, cleaner and building supervisor who walk each day with every teacher and every child. Together, we all make that difference for our children and this certainly rings true for our school community. Realising that a further extension to school closures until the mid-term has been muted demands that we continue to rely on each other so as to provide our children with the best possible opportunities despite the challenges. Thank you for working with us. We will, as always, review our procedures following any Ministerial Statement and update for Education and currently we continue with the directive that all learning should be on-line.

We also applaud our children for the IT skills they have developed and upskilled on since the lockdowns started. Undoubtedly, the technological age is in safe hands.

If we can help you in any way, please,

- 1. use the online Home Learning communications to send messages to teachers and they will always get back to you.
- 2. Alternatives, you can email the school on <u>info@stpatricksps.coalisland.ni.sch.uk</u> and it will default to the principal's email account and once again, you will always receive a prompt reply.
- 3. Telephone the school on 02887740661.

<u>Mid-Term Break</u>

Everyone <mark>off Thursday 18th – Tuesday 23rd February (inclusive) and online learning will resume again on Wednesday 24th February.</mark>

Solution

First Holy Communion for St Patrick's PS Annaghmore

Date set at this stage continues to be:

Saturday 24th April 2021 at 11:00am in St Patrick's Church, Clonoe. (This will be confirmed or any changes will be communicated closer to the date.)

Confirmation for Primary 7 Pupils in Clonoe Parish.

Date set at this stage continues to be:

Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 3:00pm in St Patrick's Church, Clonoe. (This will be confirmed or any changes will be communicated closer to the date.)

Primary 7 Transition to Secondary Education.

This process is now to be carried out online through EA. Details will follow in coming weeks of when the application procedures for selection of schools for Year 8 is open and how parents of Primary 7 pupils can access it. This will be advertised through local media and all online platforms and social media. We will also communicate directly to you, our parents, through the school.

Change of contact details.

Should any parent have changed phones and now have new number since before Christmas, can you please forward to the school so we can update your contact details on SIMS. This will ensure you always will receive messages through the school texting service which is essential for all alert messages and sudden changes at school. It is also essential during these times when we may need to alert you to self-isolation as a school.

Take care and keep safe and well,

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A message from EA regarding New Admissions for September 2021.

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If you have any younger children who will be requiring a pre-school or primary school place in September 2021, the deadline for making an application via the Education Authority is this Friday, January 29 at noon. If you know of any other families with children who will be starting school this September, particularly those who may not have access to social media, could we ask that you let them know of the importance of making an application.

The Education Authority has a help desk, emails and phone numbers should there be any queries.

These are listed below along with the link for making an online application.

Online Application: https://pupilservices.eani.org.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Admissions Helpdesk: 028 9598 5595

Email: preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk or primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk