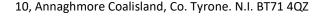


September Newsletter 2021.

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Welcome.

Welcome to our new school year of 2020/21! Hopefully, this year will be truly memorable for us all in positive ways and together we can make it: "The best it can be, every day in every way!"

I hope you have all survived the challenges of the last school year and together we can move forward into the new school year with a renewed sense of optimism and hope for every child who enters through our doors.

Our Mission Statement.

"Inspired by our faith in Christ,

St. Patrick's Catholic P.S. will provide:

A happy, secure and caring learning environment

Which promotes all to be the best they can be

Full of optimism, ambition and with a love of learning.

Working in partnership with our community

We will ensure St. Patrick's P.S. makes a difference."

Welcome to the new Primary 1 cohort of 2021/22—all 27 of them and we wish them 7 years of happiness and learning, fun and development as they move through their primary school career with us.

We say a heart-felt 'Goodbye' to our out-going Primary 7 of 2020/21 who will certainly remember their final years with us and who will be fondly recalled as our 'Most Resilient Graduates!' We wish each one of you girls and boys every success and blessing as you begin your secondary school careers.

We welcome back all our pupils into their new year groups under their new teachers and although routines will be 'different' together we will make this year as big a success as we possibly can by making you the centre of all that happens. Class bubbles will continue as they, alongside enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures, successfully kept our school safely open last year. So, here we go...

Tuesday 31st August:

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Group 1 of Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils only attend today. P7 pupils are all asked to bring their break and a packed lunch on 31st August, please.



Home Learning

School bags are back along with homework going home in them, once again – let's hope it stays this way!

The website links to Home Learning pages will remain live in the event of the need to return at short notice, to Blended/Remote Learning.

Please note, if a child is absent from school, staff will not be providing online work as they will be teaching all day. You should ring into the school and request a call back in the event of a long term sickness.

Return of text books

We would appreciate return of any text books that any child may have at home, please. Over the various lockdowns many resources especially reading/novels have become 'lost.'

Daily Routines— School Day: Same as for last term with a few little changes.

Parents and Carers.

Updated directive from DE has stated that we should maintain the current measures in place for all parents/carers coming to the school. This includes minimising at all times the number of adults meeting at the school gates and putting in place measures to reduce this. Therefore, we will have staggered Start and Finishing times from the start of the new term.

Start & Finish Times: To maintain reduced contact between class bubbles and also

<u>Traffic:</u> This has always posed serious challenges for health and safety of children arriving at the same time to St Patrick's PS. One successful change due to COVID was introducing staggered start/finish times. This provides us with great opportunities to improve the safety for all at the start/end of the school day. The following will be the new starting and finishing times each year group for 2021/22:-

Year Group	Drop off	Collection
P1	9:05am (from Monday 6th September)	See letter sent out.
P2 Mrs Quinn	9:10am	1:50pm
P2 Miss McGahey	9:15am	1:55pm
P3	9:20am	2:00pm
P4	9:20am	3:00pm (Lower gate front yard)
P5	9:15am	3:00pm (Top gate as usual)
P6	9:10am	2:55pm (Lower gate front yard)
P7	9:05am	2:50pm (Top gate as usual)

P1 - P3 will enter through the bottom gate and use the crossing on the school yard to go into the main building.

