

**Education Authority – Southern Region**  
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Welcome back everyone!

I trust that you were able to enjoy some family time over the summer holidays. The Department of Education has now published guidance regarding the return to school in September. Having discussed the guidance, as a staff we feel it necessary to maintain quite a few of the protocols we had in place from last year to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff as this worked well for Newmills.

All children will return on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

#### Drop off and Pickup

Pupils may arrive at school between the times of 8.30am and 8.55am. When they arrive they must go straight to their designated classroom and enter via the agreed entrance. Doors and gates will be locked at 9.00am.

P1/P2 Mrs Millar's room via fire exit.

P2/P3 Mrs Young's mobile via side gate, across playground, back door

P4 Miss Dodd's mobile via side gate, across playground, back door

P5 Mrs Kelly – Sports Hall via side gate beside boiler house

P6/P7 Mrs Jenkins' room via school front entrance

At home time pupils will walk down the hill with their teachers and parents will collect their children from marked spots on the pavement. Please remember social distancing and masks/face coverings.

#### Home Times

P1 and P2 2.00pm Monday – Friday.

Friday Fun Club 2.00pm – 2.50pm (Optional, beginning Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September)

P3 – Monday, Tuesday & Friday 2.00pm

Wednesday and Thursday 2.50pm

Friday Fun Club 2.00pm – 2.50 pm (Optional, beginning Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September)

P4 – P7 3.00pm

There will be After School Clubs – details to follow in due course.

### Uniform

Full school uniform to be worn, PE uniform on PE days (navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and white polo shirt).

School tie available from school office. (£4.00)

All pupils will wear full school uniform during week one, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

PE will not begin until week 2, week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> September. PE days as follows:

Mrs Millar's class – Monday and Wednesday

Mrs Young's class – Tuesday and Thursday

Miss Dodd's and Mrs Kelly's classes- Monday and Friday

Mrs Jenkins' class – Monday and Wednesday

No school bags are necessary. Each child will be provided with an A4 wipeable tuff bag which they will bring to school every day. These will be used to carry any necessary reading and library books.

P1, P2 and P3 pupils are asked to bring 2 large labelled glue sticks and a pair of wellies in a labelled bag. They will be provided with all the pencils and other resources they need.

P4 – P7 pupils should bring the following items, which will remain in school.

- A Pencil case
- At least 3 pencils
- 2 rubbers
- A sharpener with a collection container
- Colouring pencils
- Felt tips
- 2 Large Glue sticks
- Headphones to remain in school



❖ Please remember to label all your resources.

### Snack

Please bring a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle. Fruit, carrot sticks, crackers, cheese, a small sandwich and yogurt are all acceptable. Water or milk to drink only please. Please bring a waterproof coat every day as we will be outside at break time, lunch time and during the daily mile.

### Lunch/Dinners

The menu for term 1 is now available on the school website. Dinners cost £2.60 per day. Please bring the correct money in a labelled envelope on the first day of each week and place in the dinner box.

Regular 20 second hand washing, coughing into a tissue or elbow “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”, hand sanitising, social distancing, the wearing of masks/visors by staff are all part of our daily routine.

### Illness

If your child is unwell please keep them at home. A child who becomes ill during the school day will have their temperature checked using a non-contact thermometer and the parent/carer contacted. If we are notified of a positive case within a class, the PHA will advise on the action to be taken. Please refer to the Close Contacts flowchart which is on the school website which details the expected procedure to be followed.

Please ensure that you inform us of any change in your contact details.

As always if you have any questions I can be contacted via email at [smillar500@c2ken.net](mailto:smillar500@c2ken.net) or by telephone 02887740485.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Millar