

MULLAVILLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for helping us ensure a very positive introduction back to school for our pupils. It is great to see everyone back in school again and they all have settled well into the familiarity of their classes and coped extremely well with new routines. Thank you for all your contributions of stationery, wipes, sanitisers and tissues.

Please note the following information to help everything run smoothly. Some of it is repeated from previous letters as an extra reminder.

Staggered arrival times

Class	Arrival Time
Primary 2, 3 and 7	0845
Primary 4, 5 and 6	0855
Primary 1	0905

Please use the pedestrian gate if walking to school. For health & safety reasons we do not want children walking through the car park. Please leave your child at the car park entrance if you have driven to school. No adults are to enter the school building unless an appointment has been made. Social distancing must be observed by adults in the school grounds at all times.

Medical Needs

Children have received Data Collection forms which should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. In light of the current pandemic it is imperative that we have up to date numbers for contacts in case of emergency, temperatures, coughs etc.

Children becoming unwell in school

All children who feel unwell in school will be sent home. If they have a temperature, a new cough, loss of taste or smell they will have to remain at home and the whole family will need to self-isolate until a test can be carried out. In the event of a positive test then the whole "bubble" will need to self-isolate until tested.

Masks

Guidance from DENI is that masks are not necessary in Primary Schools. Staff will wear visors where social distancing is not possible, eg Early years and when administering first aid or personal care.

Mullavilly App

Please ensure you have the Mullavilly App downloaded to access up to date information. You need to activate the notifications to allow you to receive message instantly.

Uniform/PE/Coats

Children may wear tracksuit bottoms on PE days. The current days are listed below but are subject to change.

Class	PE Days
Primary 1	Tuesday and Friday
Primary 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Primary 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 5	Monday and Friday
Primary 6	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 7	Monday and Wednesday

Pupils must have a coat with a hood every day as it is recommended that they spend as much time as possible outdoors where there are less risks of the virus spreading.

Packed Lunches and School Meals

Children will eat their breaktime snack, packed lunch or school dinner in their classrooms. School meals will initially be brought by the kitchen staff to the classroom.

Children in Primary 6 and 7 who are taking school dinners will do so in the school hall in their class "bubbles".

Payment can only be made on a Monday stating clearly the days dinner is required. Please see website for school menu. We hope to move to a cashless payment system very soon.

If your child is entitled to free school meals please apply via the EA website. Even if your child rarely takes school dinner please apply if you believe you are entitled as the school will benefit from extra funding for our free school meals children. The information is confidential.

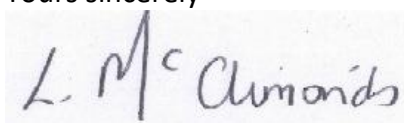
School Books

Books sent home will be kept to a minimum, only those essential for homework. There is no homework for the next two weeks, however if there is a certain concept that teachers find your child needs revision on an individualised homework will be sent. More information on homeworks and reading will follow.

Best Wishes for Year 8

We wish our past pupils all the very best as they begin a new chapter in Year 8. We miss you all and still feel sad that you had a strange end of Year 7, but we know you will flourish and make us very proud in your new schools.

Yours sincerely



L A McClimonds (Mrs)
Principal