



# ST CAIREALL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,  
2021

26th August

Welcome to a new school year at St Caireall's Primary School. We are all excited to get the year off to a great start and this information should help you all to prepare for what will be expected. Unfortunately, Covid still has implications for all of our decision making therefore these details may need to be updated and changed regularly. We will do our best to keep all families up to date with information as we receive it.

**Covid procedures update:**

Pupils will continue to remain in class bubbles as far as possible indoors during the school day whilst contact tracing is still necessary. Restrictions on outdoor activities will be eased as this is not considered as dangerous in spreading the virus.

If your child displays ANY of the 3 main symptoms such as; a temperature, a new cough and/or loss of sense of taste and smell, then DO NOT send your child to school. Please book a PCR test and inform the school of the result. Follow all the most relevant PHA advice on self-isolation.

If anyone within the family has Covid symptoms, or a pupil is a close contact of a positive case, please follow the PHA self-isolation rules which is to book a PCR test and self isolate until a result is returned.

Pupils must wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly.

## Teachers and classes for 2021/22

Year group	Teacher	Additional teacher
Year 1	Mrs Connolly	
Year 2	Mrs Lynch	
Year 3 / 4	Mrs Ellis	Mrs McLaughlin
Year 4 / 5	Mrs Maguire	
Year 6 / 7	Mrs Doohar	

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## Seesaw:

We are going to continue using Seesaw as a means of communication with families, for homework and for project work. It is very important that you switch on notifications as it is a brilliant platform for the school to deliver information on through this app. Should you require any help with Seesaw, please contact school and we will be happy to help. New codes will be given out to all pupils on Wednesday.

## Drop off and pick up arrangements:

Children should not be dropped off before 8:45am in the morning as there is no supervision at this time. Lessons start at 9:15am.

Children in **Year 1** will finish at **1:50pm** and children in **Year 2** will finish at **2:00pm**. We are staggering the times in order to avoid congestion at the school gates as part of our covid procedures. Your prompt time keeping is necessary for this to remain as safe as possible.

The school canteen staff provide a Breakfast club which is available from 8.45 am - 9am .

## Free school meals:

Please note, if your child/children received free school meals or received a school uniform grant last year, applications must be made online to receive both this year.

Applications must be made online by following the link; <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>. Further queries can be made with the school meals department on 028 82 411237.

## Dinner money:

We are very lucky at St. Caireall's to have a kitchen which cooks all meals fresh each day.

The cost of a school dinner is £2.60. Please pay for the dinners on the day required or at the end of the week. Cheques should be made payable to **Education Authority**.

## Parent/teacher meetings:

We are hoping to have our annual Parent/Teacher meetings earlier this year on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. The format has not been decided upon but it is most likely the phone call system similar to what we had in June.

## Healthy Eating Programme:

The school promotes a healthy eating programme and therefore we ask that when parents / carers prepare snacks, they only send fruit, a sandwich, cheese, yoghurt, crackers or rice cakes for a break time snack.

We also ask that **NO** fizzy drinks be sent to school as children are encouraged to drink water or milk.

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Some children in our school community have VERY HIGH nut allergies which can prove fatal. If they come into contact with nuts or foods containing nuts. Please **do not send nuts or bars or foods containing nuts or nut extract** into school to avoid causing serious harm to a child with this allergy.

### **Contact details:**

It is important that we can contact parents or a family member at any given time therefore if you have new mobile number or land line, please let the school know as soon as possible.

If your child is going to an address other than your own it is very important that you notify the school either by phone call or a written note to inform us of any change in travel arrangements for that particular day.

**Children travelling home on a bus other than the one they normally go on, must contact the Transport Department to obtain permission to do so.**

### **Bus transport:**

As part of our Covid procedures we must encourage you to have your children use a face covering whilst on the bus.

All buses have seat belts and must be worn.

### **School bags:**

School bags are optional for all children this year. We ask that children do not bring in anything from home such as pencil cases etc.. All children will be given the necessary equipment for each lesson.

They will only need to carry their homework folders, lunch box, coat etc...

### **Homework:**

There will be different homework systems in the different key stages at school:

Mrs Connolly's Year 1: Homework given on a Monday and returned weekly on a Friday.

Mrs Lynch's Year 2: Homework given on a Monday and returned weekly on a Friday.

Mrs Ellis's Year 3/4: Homework given on a Monday and returned weekly on a Friday.

Mrs Maguire's Year 4/5: Homework returned on a daily basis.

Mrs Dooher's Year 6/7: Homework returned on a daily basis.

Thank you,

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