



01/07/2022

Dear Parents

Thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout what has been a challenging time, with Covid continuing to impact heavily on the entire community for much of the year. We were very grateful that in the final term we were able to see a return to normality, with trips, Sports' Days, First Communion Ceremonies and the P7 Leavers' Mass, Graduation Assembly and Disco taking place with minimal restrictions. Our very talented P7 children finished on Tuesday and we wish them much success and happiness in their new schools.

The new school year begins for P2 – P7 children on Wed Aug 31st. Children can arrive between 8.45-9am. Our first day finishes at noon. New P1 children and their parents have already been given their individual starting date and time. From Thur Sept 1st usual home times will apply, except for P3 who will finish at 2pm on that day. P3 will stay in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3pm from Mon Sept 5th.

Breakfast Club and 123 Club will be available from Monday Sept 5th.

Before the children return in September please make sure that all items of school uniform are labelled clearly so that mislaid items can be quickly returned to its owner. PE uniforms are available from Truly Fare on the Antrim Road beside Tesco. Please note that the **only** logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be dark and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is not worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform.

We would like all children from P3-P7 to bring the following stationery items to school again next year as this has helped the efficient running of the classes- HB pencils x 2, rubber, sharpener, Pritt stick, small ruler, small set of colouring pencils and whiteboard marker x 2. Please label these items with your child's name.

Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals/School Uniform Grant is on the Education Authority website. Applications should be made [online](#) during July to ensure that eligibility is confirmed for the new school year.

Parents of P7 pupils who wish to enter their child for either of the transfer tests, must register them at the relevant grammar school. Information is available on the grammar school websites or at the following address <https://www.thetransfertest.com/> Registration for sitting the GL test at St Malachy's College and Dominican College closes on Friday Sept 23rd at 2pm. <https://www.pptcni.com/> Registration to sit the AQE test at Belfast Royal Academy closes on Friday Sept 23rd at 4pm. <https://aqe.org.uk/applications-for-registration>.

Click [here](#) for the 2022/23 holiday list.

We hope that you can all take a very well deserved break over the summer and wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S McTaggart
Principal