



St Dallan's Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Now that we have come to the start of a new month, it is with great delight that I can confidently say that the sense of calm and ease within school and the manner in which the children having taken to school life, is a great way to be moving forward. Can I thank you for working with us and ask you to share our thanks and happiness with your children.

As we move into the month of October, please find below some updated information.

Reminder

The school is closed on Monday 5 October 2020 for staff training. (A copy of the holidays for the year was put on the school website in the Parents' Area at the end of August).

Staggered Arrival and Dismissal Times

As a school we have used the last few weeks to carefully monitor the flow of traffic and movement of parents and pupils on the school grounds and we feel we can now make the following changes to, not only accommodate parents and pupils, but also ensure the safety of our school community. **These changes will be effective from Tuesday 6 October 2020.**

Morning Times:

All children whose surname begins with A – H will arrive at 8.35am

All children whose surname begins with I – Mc/M will arrive at 8.45am

All children whose surname begins with N – Z will arrive at 8.55am

Afternoon Times:

All Primary 1, 2 & 3 pupils will finish lessons and may be collected between 2.00 and 2.15pm.

At the moment we are unable to open up our Garden Room facility however, if you have older children who are dismissed later than 2.15pm, your P1, P2 or P3 child may stay in their classroom under the supervision of a classroom assistant until you are ready to collect the older siblings. This will allow us to continue to keep footfall to a minimum and hope that it is more convenient for parents/guardians.

The dismissal times for Primary 4, 5, 6 & 7 will be as follows:

All children whose surname begins with A – H will leave at 2.35pm

All children whose surname begins with I – Mc/M will leave at 2.45pm

All children whose surname begins with N – Z will leave at 2.55pm

We really appreciate your support in making these arrangements work effectively and efficiently and will thus ensure the safety of the whole school community.

Homework

From next week we will be introducing homework which will be a combination of hard copies and online learning. We have organised a system of transporting learning materials to and from school in plastic folders that can be wiped down.

The folders will go home on a Monday and should be returned to school on Thursday where they will be quarantined before use the following week.

Homework will also involve engagement on-line on our new e-learning platforms, Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Each teacher will communicate further on the finer details for each class.

Some hard copies of notes will be transported in the plastic folders but most will be communicated through our new emailing system so please ensure your email details are up to date.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Normally we have our parent/teacher meetings early in November, however due to changes in guidance we can no longer have face to face meetings therefore, we will work on alternative arrangements. In the meantime, if you have any concerns please contact your child`s teacher via the office.

Moving forward, we are working on trying to get back to a new norm whilst following ever changing guidance, so, thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mrs U Farrell
Principal