

# **Bready Jubilee Primary School- School Restart**

## **Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems a long time since I sat down to write a newsletter and how different life is now as we begin to find our feet in this 'new normal.' Talking to the children this week, although they have loved the extra time they had to spend with their families, they have missed school and I can assure you that we have missed them!

However adapting to the situation we now find ourselves will take time and there will be frustrations along the way for us all. We will make mistakes but we will learn. As parents I ask that you continue to support us and although we no longer operate an 'open door policy' we will still listen to our school community.

Please take care

#Breadyfamily

Mr Bogle

### **Data Collection and Permission Slip**

At this time of year we usually send home a data collection form and permission slip to be filled in and returned to school. However this year we will be reducing the amount of paper sent home and then returned to school. Please take a look at the form/slip in this post and email the school on [info@bready.strabane.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@bready.strabane.ni.sch.uk) if any of your child's information has changed.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Please remember we still operate our healthy snack policy and as such pupils should be provided each day with eg a piece of fruit (pre cut, if needed), a **nut free** cereal bar etc. All children should bring a water bottle to school each day. Water bottles can be reusable,

### **Welly boots and extra clothes**

Even more than usual, our younger classes will be using our fantastic outdoors learning environments to explore, have fun and of course learn! Therefore we ask all children in P1/2 and P2/3 to bring a named pair of wellington boots to school and a spare change of clothes in a named bag.

### **School Meals**

School meals from our canteen will be provided from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All those who are eligible for Free School Meals ensure your application is completed as soon as possible. Until your application is passed by the EA Meals and Uniform department any child wishing to have school meals will be required to pay for their meals.

To minimise the handling of cash, ALL school meals money must be sent to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each week. Please ensure this is enclosed in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and which days that are receiving paid school meals. No change will be given therefore the

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correct amount of money is required. Meals are priced at £2.60. A dinner sheet will be part of this post for parents to use.

### **School Milk**

School milk will begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The cost for this term will be £14.00. If you wish your child to receive school milk, please send the exact amount of money in a clearly marked envelope with your child to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Temperature checks**

As part of our return to school policy, the school purchased contactless thermometers to check the temperature of all children before allowing them to access the school building. Unfortunately the cold temperature outside prevents us from recording an accurate reading when outside. Therefore we will be checking temperatures once children get into the classroom and if 37.8 degrees or above, they will be isolated and after 15 mins we will take their temperature again and if still high, we will call parents and ask them to collect them from school. Please ensure all pupils are 24 hours fever free before bringing them to school. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you call the school (**028 71841319**) or email on [info@bready.strabane.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@bready.strabane.ni.sch.uk) to explain their absence. Teachers will not accept sick notes in school.

### **Parental Protocols**

The majority of parents have now completed the form to let us know they have read and understood the parental protocols- thank you for this. If you haven't, please do so at your earliest convenience.

<https://forms.gle/BYUxTqCVrxdDxmS87>

As a school we have been so impressed with how well drop off and pick up procedures have been and for health and safety this is something that we need to maintain as we go forward. A gentle reminder that drop off for P2-7 is currently **9am** and our gates will not be open until then. Thank you for your support.

### **Free School Meals**

Please see the school Facebook page for more information on Free School Meals or visit [www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants](http://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants). If you think you are entitled, contact us at school and we will be happy to assist you with the application process. Free School Meals have a big positive impact on our school budget so even if you don't require them, but are entitled, please apply anyway as we will be allocated more money to our school budget. Thank you.

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### **Pencil Cases**

If you haven't already done so, please send your child's pencil cases to school with the following stationery:

- **a set of colouring pencils**
- **2 writing pencils**
- **an eraser**
- **a sharpener**
- **a glue stick**

In addition to the above, if your child will be in **P5- P7** next year, we ask you to provide **2 biros** of any colour.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 31st August: Bank Holiday- School Closed
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th October: Half term break- School Closed

School calendar 2020/21 included as part of this post.