

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date: Term 1, 2025/2026 PRIMARY FIVE

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:

Parent Introductory Meeting – Thursday, 4th September at 6.30 p.m.
Parents only should attend. Use the main school entrance door (office).

Literacy:

Reading - Banded reading resources from a variety of schemes and extension books/novels.

- Children are also encouraged to read for pleasure. It should be noted that children will not necessarily read aloud daily. In Key Stage 2 it is expected children should read independently for pleasure at home – use of town library, NI Libraries' 'Libby' App is encouraged.
- Pupils have been assigned books in www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Passwords have been updated and can be found inside their homework diary (Bug Club).

Grammar – The Collins Grammar and Punctuation Scheme supports other interactive resources as core material – focus is on Nouns, Adjectives and Verbs.

Comprehension – Some Collins Comprehension resources plus poetry, non-fiction texts and narrative. Work based on class novel and reading texts. Topic related extracts are also used.

Creative Writing – Based on class novel and topics studied e.g. Being and Belonging – including Our Community, Early Man.

Spellings – Linked to the 'Sounds Write' extended code. Sounds Write is used to develop reading and writing by raising awareness of sound patterns, word families and building on phonological awareness.

Numeracy:

The New Heinemann Scheme and the School's Mental Mathematics Scheme is followed. Areas to be covered include:

- Revision of previous work
- Place Value to 10,000
- Addition and Subtraction of 2-digit numbers (written methods)
- Measures, including problems
- Area
- Shape and Space
- Properties of numbers
- Tables

- Handling Data
- Fractions and Decimals
- Tables
- Time

Topics to be covered in The World Around Us:

1. 'BEING AND BELONGING' & 2. 'WHAT'S THE USE?' (Rainforests)

A trip is being organised to Enniskillen Museum (Early Man focus) – P5K (Thursday, 18th September) and P5J (Friday, 19th September). A walking tour of Enniskillen will also feature (details to be confirmed soon).

The PATHS programme will be used to develop social and emotional thinking.

Google Classroom:

This platform will allow us to upload photos of your child's learning journey in P5 and to communicate about other things e.g. trips, homeworks etc. Instructions about what you need to do have been provided.

P.E will commence week beginning 1st September (including swimming in Fivemiletown College at some stage). P5 children will wear their Model P.E kit to school on their designated day (as advised): Normal uniform to be worn on swimming days.

P.E kit is as follows:

Model P.E top, Model hoodie (or school sweatshirt), red shorts, royal blue knee-high socks and trainers. Navy or Black leggings/joggers can be worn under shorts on colder days (November to March)**no coloured/patterned leggings.**

Hair tied up and no jewellery on P.E. days. If your child needs to wear glasses for P.E. a note in diary needs to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Earrings: Studs only are allowed but must be removed for all P.E. activities. **PLEASE NOTE: FRESHLY PIERCED EARS WILL CURTAIL PARTICIPATION IN SWIMMING AND P.E. FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD – THIS IS A STATUTORY RULING.**

Homework – On a weekly basis there will be spellings, tables, 2 written homeworks (parent signature required) and up to 2 online homeworks (to be completed for the day outlined in the diary). Check Google Classroom for weekly homework guides.

Parent signature required in diary and homework books – thank you.

Dinner money – £13.00 per week (to be paid via the App the week before). NOTE MENU. To complement guidelines in relation to managing money, it makes transactions at office level much easier if sums of money are kept separate for individual children/siblings e.g. please only send dinner money, trip money etc. in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. Thank you for co-operating with us.

Break and Packed Lunches – School following healthy break programme – **no crisps, nuts, sweets, chocolates etc. to be brought to school. . FRUIT ONLY TO BE BROUGHT ON A FRIDAY.**

Water – children are allowed to bring a recyclable water bottle to school with a pop-up drinking top. There is to be no sharing or use of single use plastic bottles.

Items required – Pencils, sharpener, eraser, Colouring pencils, glue stick, 30 cm ruler, packet of tissues. Please label all personal items.

Thank you for supporting our School Code of Conduct (below)

This code is framed in such a way to encourage and reinforce courteous behaviour –

In Enniskillen Model School:

- We work hard and always try our best
- We respect the feelings, bodies and property of ourselves and others
- We make wise choices and are responsible for our actions
- We move safely around the school

In addition, we have Class Rules.

Teachers supported by the classroom assistants will develop this code within their classrooms at a level appropriate to the age and needs of their pupils.

Other information:

From time to time we need to consult with the school's Educational Psychologist in relation to individual pupil progress (following discussion with staff). This is often to seek guidance about how best to proceed to ensure there is no regression in learning etc. This notice is to inform all our parents that this school will automatically discuss relevant pupils without seeking the prior approval of parents. Getting approval initially can delay the process. If something significant comes out of the discussion with the Educational Psychologist parents would then be notified, as and when required. Such discussions often only apply to a small number of children and take place on several occasions during the year – there is no need/requirement to discuss many of our children. The support of the Educational Psychologist is invaluable to the running of the school.

It is also the policy of this school that when children leave his/her pupil record is automatically sent on to the next school. Again, this is done without further liaison with/approval from parents.

Thank you for collaborating with us.

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