

# **ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**May 2022**

Dear Parent

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

## **COVID-19:**

As before, please ensure your child is well enough to attend school and has no Covid-19 symptoms. Our policy will remain the same this term with very few changes planned in relation to how we are running things (all is extended as a precautionary measure). Following this policy has clearly not compromised this school to date – thankfully, staff and pupil numbers impacted by COVID-19 have been exceptionally low. I am also acutely aware that we need to move forward and accept that an element of risk is ever present and therefore you will notice from the following key dates list that it is planned to resume many events that we once took for granted. A lot of these events include a gathering of adults e.g. meetings and sports days.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

The pedestrian lights close to the school should always be used properly by adults/pupils. The adjacent roads are very busy and using the green pedestrian light is crucial.

Likewise, the school grounds are well served by zebra crossings but care needs to be taken to ensure they are also used properly. When accessing the car park areas at the start and end of the school day, pupils remain the responsibility of their parents/guardians and although there are staff on duty, they are not ultimately responsible for safe passage.

It is very much appreciated if vehicles exiting onto the Wickham Place Road/ opposite Belmore Court Motel (especially at peak times) turn left only. This avoids the crossing of three lanes when attempting to turn right. Likewise, vehicles arriving at school and coming from the Dublin Road side should avoid turning right into this same entrance off Wickham Place. Following a recent discussion with the Roads Service they are keen that this pattern is embedded. Thank you.

Dogs must be kept on leads, preferably off the playground area and well away from pupils/other adults.

## **Other:**

The after-school club is housed in the dining hall until 5.30p.m. every day – open to all P1 to P7 pupils. Club pick-up is directly from the dining hall – you can use either side of the hall (as suits with car parking). A small, very reasonable fee applies with

bills being issued monthly. Thank you for using the service which helps us to bring in a little extra income for school funds and thus reducing costs for parents in relation to a variety of things.

Some separate guidance has been issued in relation to this term's after school activities – details are also contained on the website. These will run until later in May.

## **KEY EVENTS IN MAY AND JUNE:**

### **MAY**

**Monday, 2nd**

**Bank Holiday – school closed**

**Tuesday, 3rd**

**P5 standardised tests begin this week**

**P6 Transfer and School Trip meeting (detailed separately)**

**Wednesday, 4th**

**P4 swimming**

**P7 School Trip meeting (detailed separately)**

**Thursday, 5th**

**School Closed – Election (this school is being used as a polling station)**

**Monday, 9th**

**P4 standardised tests begin this week**

**P7 class – Gortatole trip**

**Tuesday, 10th**

**P3H and P4McC Shared Education with St. Patrick's P.S. (face-to-face link up)**

**P7 class – Gortatole trip**

**Wednesday, 11th**

**P4 swimming**

**Thursday, 12th**

**P4 swimming**

**Rugby team visit to Ravenhill, Belfast**

**Lafayette Photography (P1 and P7)**

**Friday, 13th**

**Lafayette Photography (P1 and P7)**

**'COME AND LEARN THROUGH PLAY' AFTERNOON – PRE-SCHOOL PUPILS**

**Monday, 16th**

**Last week for after school activities to operate (this is week 4)**

**P3 standardised tests begin this week**

**Tuesday, 17th**

**Council Cross Country Running event this week (P4 to P7 – day tbc)**

**P7 Action Mental Health workshop**

**Wednesday, 18th**

**P4 swimming**

**P4 Play session in the South West College**

**P6 Action Mental Health workshop**

**Thursday, 19th**

**P6 Action Mental Health workshop**

**P4 swimming**

**Friday, 20th**

**P7 Action Mental Health workshop**

**Saturday, 21st**

**P7 Post Primary School notifications**

**Monday, 23rd**

**P7 School Trip week (Chester/Manchester)**

**P4C Enniskillen Museum visit**

**Tuesday, 24th**

**P6S Magilligan trip**

**P4McC Enniskillen Museum visit**

**Wednesday, 25th**

**P6S Magilligan trip**

**P4 swimming (ends)**

**Thursday, 26th**

**P4 swimming (ends)**

**Tuesday, 31st**

**P6K Magilligan trip**

**JUNE**

**Wednesday, 1st**

**P6K Magilligan trip**

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE DAY CELEBRATION – whole school focus**

**Thursday, 2nd**  
**Platinum Holiday – school closed**

**Friday, 3rd**  
**Platinum Holiday – school closed**

**Wednesday, 8th**  
**P1 (new intake) Induction Meeting - evening**

**Thursday, 9th**  
**Sports Day (P1 and LC1 at 9.30a.m., followed by P2, LC2 and P3 at 11.00a.m.)**  
**Weather permitting**

**Friday, 10th**  
**Sports Day (P4 and P5 at 9.30a.m. followed by P6 and P7 at 11.00a.m.)** Weather permitting

**Tuesday, 14th**  
**Football Tournament (hosted here) – other schools involved**

**Wednesday, 15th**  
**P1 Induction (new intake)**

**Thursday, 16th**  
**P6 classes to Ely Forest**  
**Written homework to end (bar P6)**

**Wednesday, 22nd**  
**P1 Induction (new intake)**

**Thursday, 23rd**  
**P7 Induction Day**  
**P5 trip to Bundoran - tbc**  
**P7 Leavers' Assembly**

**Friday, 24th**  
**Official opening of the new school**

**Monday, 27th**  
**P1 to P7 reports to go home (and accompanied by standardised test results/reports for P3 and up pupils)**

**Tuesday, 28th**  
**P.T.A. Fun Night (tbc)**

**Wednesday, 29th**  
**End of Term (shorter day)**

**A testing programme will be operating this term and affecting all P3 and up classes. In line with other years, you will receive an end of year report towards the end of June which will explain how well your child has performed.**

**A new P.T.A. Committee will hopefully be established on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Not having scope to operate with a fully functioning P.T.A. these past two years (because of COVID-19 restrictions) has been difficult. The support/commitment of an active P.T.A. has always been a huge strength of this school and it is vital (moving forward) that we try to reinstate this ethos. If interesting in joining the committee or helping out, please leave your details at the office for the attention of Mrs Clarke.**

**Despite all the difficulties these past years, I still need to review and establish a School Development Plan. I am presently awaiting guidance from the Department of Education about how to move forward with the process.**

**The school endeavours to maintain high standards regarding uniform and appearance. This policy is exceptionally well supported by parents of children who attend this school. This term, I am keen that standards are maintained – uniform, black shoes, jewellery, no nail varnish etc. Appearance includes hair styles. I am not interested in what might be acceptable in other schools – inevitably all schools vary in their policy/implementation of policy. The wearing of P.E. gear on designated P.E. days is allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions – dark and plain tracksuit bottoms only to be worn.**

**Many facets of our Safeguarding and Child Protection practices have been kept under review. Key information is on display in the foyer (office window) and a tab has been created on the Home page of the website to keep parents up to date. This includes various telephone contacts for support services etc. The personnel who oversee Safeguarding and Child Protection are as before and again details are on display and on our website.**

**NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: The school will re-open to pupils again on WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST and a holiday list for the 2022/2023 school year has been posted on the website. This may help parents when planning ahead.**

#### **ENROLMENT:**

**The school is at capacity with numbers projected to increase slightly following this September's intake. Please ensure that children due to start school in September 2023 are registered with Helen. She maintains a database which helps a lot when circulating application details closer to Christmas.**

**Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**W. Glass**