

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date: Term 1, 2025/2026 PRIMARY SEVEN

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:

***Parent Introductory Meeting – Thursday, 4th September at 7.30 p.m.**
Parents only should attend. Use the main school entrance door (office).*

Literacy:

Reading – By P7 many pupils should be reading more extensively and independently and must be encouraged to do so both in school and at home. The pupils will complete book review/summaries on occasions. Pupils are being assigned books in www.activelearnprimary.co.uk When the password has been updated it will be placed inside the homework diary (Bug Club). In P7 most children achieve independence of reading schemes and progress to reading novels and other material as part of the set homework. Please ensure that a period is set aside each evening for reading – it can be easily neglected.

Grammar – Revision of the main conventions of punctuation and of the main parts of speech e.g. Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Prepositions, also Prefixes and Suffixes.

Comprehension – Collins Comprehension and On Target English – Core Material and topic related texts.

Creative Writing – Writing based on the topics studied in ‘The World Around Us’ and ‘The Arts’ e.g. Biography, Diary entries, Interviews etc.

Spellings – Following the Complete Spelling Programme. Spellings will be tested daily/weekly. Children will complete written activities in class to ensure that spellings are understood and used in context.

Numeracy:

Areas to be covered in detail:

Number e.g. Understanding Number and Number notation, fractions and percentages, patterns, relationships and sequences, operations and their applications

Measures e.g. Area, Perimeter, Time

Shape and Space – Exploration of Shape, Position, Movement and Direction.

Handling Data to include an introduction to probability.

Topics to be covered in The World Around Us:

1. ‘Victorian World’ & 2. ‘Irish Victorian World’

These will include a short Victorian Christmas project and the topic will explore, The British Empire, Victorian achievements and inventions, rural and factory jobs, The Irish famine and Christmas customs through Science, Geography and History activities.

Class Novels – ‘The Railway Children,’ ‘Wild Boy’ and ‘Under the Hawthorn Tree’ will complement the topics.

Other dates for the diary:

End of May – Residential P7 school trip (separate letter to follow)

Thursday, 18th June – Leavers’ Assembly (we are keen that all Primary 7 children will participate and are therefore not taken on holiday at this time of year). School will close on Tuesday, 30th June.

Google Classroom:

We would like your child to join our P7 Google Classroom. This platform will allow us to upload photos of your child’s learning journey in P7 and to communicate about other things e.g. trips, homeworks etc. Instructions about what you will need to do will be provided soon.

Thank you for maintaining our school uniform standard. Details are included in the September letter (to follow).

P.E will recommence this week. P7 children will wear their Model P.E kit to school on their designated day (as advised). Swimming will start at some stage in Fivemiletown College.

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 on colder days**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 consent note in the diary needs to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Earrings: Studs only are allowed and must be removed for all P.E. activities. Not worn on P.E. days. N.B. Ear piercing will restrict swimming/P.E. activities for 4-6 weeks. Swimming starts after Christmas for P7.

Homework – Each week your child will have Mathematics and English written homeworks - some of which may be practical or investigative in nature. Homework will be given via Google classroom and homework diaries. Also reading, spelling and mental maths is each night from Monday to Thursday. We recommend that your child works for 45 minutes on school homework and your signature at the end of the work produced in that time indicates to us that the work has been supervised and checked with homework diaries. SEAG corrections will be in addition to the 45 minutes.

SEPARATE GUIDANCE IS BEING FORWARDED IN RELATION TO TRANSFER RELATED WORK (AS APPLICABLE). IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS READ THIS GUIDANCE CAREFULLY AND CONTACT ME DIRECTLY/THIS WEEK SHOULD THEY WISH TO PURSUE SPECIAL ACCESS OR SPECIAL PROVISION ARRANGEMENTS. TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES ARE COMPULSORY AND START THIS WEEK (2nd September).

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 – This school follows a healthy break policy – no crisps, nuts, sweets, salty snacks, chocolates etc. to be brought to school. **FRUIT ONLY TO BE BROUGHT ON A FRIDAY.**

Pupils can bring a small bottle of water into the classroom (recyclable), reusable/preferably with pop up top – no single use bottles.

Items required for P7:

Dictionary/Thesaurus (Collins “Gem” e.g.). Table booklet (already purchased in Primary 6);

Name tapes on all items of clothing; Colouring pencils; 30 cm ruler; Tissues; Roller ball black pen (not biro); Rubber, Hand sanitiser

Tippex is not to be used. All items of stationery should be named.

Thank you for supporting our School Code of Conduct.

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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