



Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parent

New Car Park

Thankfully our new car park is almost complete. It is very important that parents navigate the car park with extreme caution during busy periods. In the morning, please drop your child off at the drop-off/pick-up point (at the foot of the path leading to school) and exit the car park in a clockwise direction (follow the arrows). If you are walking your child to their class (P1 parents), please park in a parking space before doing so and walk via the footpaths to the school. At collection times, please make sure to park your car in a parking space and stand at your door so that staff can see you and send your child to your car via the footpaths. It is very dangerous for children to walk to or from their car via the centre of the car park due to vehicles pulling in and out of spaces. We are asking parents to walk their children to their cars carefully and via the footpaths where possible. If you are waiting for another sibling due to the staggered pick-up times, please ensure that younger children remain within your vehicle for safety reasons. If the car park is very busy, you can also use the Chapel car park and walk to the drop-off/pick-up point to collect your child.

Walkers only will enter / exit via the roadside gate. Members of staff will be on duty at both gates when they open at 8.45am in the morning (gates will be closed at 9.05am). The Parochial Hall car park is no longer available for parents to use for pick-up or drop-off.

Please ensure that the person who is collecting your children is aware of these guidelines.

PE Jerseys

There are still a number of ordered school PE jerseys ready for distribution in the school office. If you have ordered, please send in your payment of £25.00 and your jersey will be sent home with your child.

Credit Union

Credit Union officers will not be visiting the school in Term 1. Account books have been sent home and parents will need to call to the branch for any transactions.

House System

Our very successful school House System began last week. Children will receive a badge representing their House colour for no cost this week. There will be a cost of 50p for replacement badges. Primary 1 children will join the system in October.

Seesaw Platform

Homework will be sent home via Seesaw this week. If you have any technical difficulties with the platform, please contact your child's teacher - email addresses available on the school website. Your child's homework schedule is available on the school website also.

Breakfast Club

We are considering the resumption of our Breakfast Club provision at the end of the month. If you feel that you would like to avail of this possible provision, please let me know via email by the end of this week - smone720@c2kni.net. Breakfast Club (if available) will run from 8.00am - 8.45am, costing £1 per child per day.

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First Holy Communion

Good luck to all of our current Primary 5 children who will make their First Holy Communion in the Chapel at 1.00pm on Saturday. The school will be open from 11.00am for those who have booked a slot with the photographer (photos will be taken in the dinner hall).

Primary 7 Roles of Responsibility

Our House Captains, Prefects and School Council members have been selected from our Primary 7 class. Each role will carry responsibility and the children will carry out important tasks to help improve our school over the coming months. All children received their badges today - see the school website for pictures.

Covid-19 Protocols

The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Public Health Agency, has issued up-to-date guidance for parents and carers (see school website). Please read these documents carefully.

- The school will be advising all parents who report their child as showing symptoms, to keep their child and their siblings at home and to call the 119 helpline for guidance or book a test online at www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus.
- If your child shows possible symptoms in school, you will be asked to collect your child (and their siblings), then to call the 119 helpline for guidance.
- I understand that there can be difficulty around the coughing symptom. If a parent reports a cough which they feel does not come under the bracket of a new continuous cough, then, as a precaution, the school will ask them to call the 119 helpline for guidance. They will then need to notify the school of this guidance before sending their child and their siblings back.
- Thank you very much to all parents for following these protocols to date. I will keep you updated with the most up-to-date guidance as it is released.

Important upcoming dates:

Monday 28th September - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thursday 1st October - Primary 1 children stay to 1.50pm

Thursday 29th October - School Closed at 11am to facilitate bulk of Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 30th October - School Closed for Halloween Break (reopening Thursday 5th November)

Yours sincerely

S Mone

Principal