



EDUCATION AUTHORITY SOUTHERN REGION

**MULLAVILLY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We welcome everyone back to school, especially our new children in P1 and other classes throughout the school. The last eighteen months have certainly been unprecedented. As we embark on the 2021/22 academic year we are very aware of the surge in Northern Ireland's COVID-19 figures. In light of these circumstances we have decided to retain many of the routines and mitigations that were in place prior to the summer break. Our priority is to keep our pupils and our community safe.

We are committed to providing a high quality learning experience as we return to face to face teaching. We hope the information below will answer some questions you may have and keep you up to date with what is happening in September.

Many of our normal procedures have been adjusted to fully align with DENI guidance issued to schools on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and PHA guidance: -

**PROTECTIVE BUBBLES**

- In so far as possible each class will operate as a bubble, i.e will not mix with children from other classes and staff will remain constant. This has a number of implications for school routines.
- Break times and dinner times are staggered to allow only one class in a play area at a time.
- After school activities will recommence this term and a timeable will be issued in due course.
- There will be no indoor whole school assemblies – Primary 1-3 and Primary 4- 7 will have separate assemblies with social distancing. Whole school assemblies will take place outside when weather permits.
- PE lessons will be taken both indoors and outdoors depending on the weather.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

- MUST be booked in advance via the SCHOOL APP booking system as we have limited numbers.
- The EXACT money must be given in a sealed and labelled envelope as change will not be given.

**MID MORNING SNACK**

- Monday to Friday please provide a Healthy Snack..
- Please note that the cook is no longer providing snack.

• **DINNER**

- School dinner menu is available on the school app and website.
- School dinners will commence on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021
- Dinners MUST be paid in advance for the week ahead. (£2.60 per day/£13.00 per week)

- Money MUST be sent in a sealed and labelled envelope – change will NOT be given.
- If paying by cheque please make it payable to “EA Southern Region”
- The envelope should be clearly labelled with your child’s name and the days that dinner are required.
- A separate envelope is required for each individual child unless they are in the same classroom.
- Dinners will be served in the hall, within their bubbles for and socially distanced between classes.

### **HOME TIMES**

- Please check the information on the school website and app for starting and finishing times.

### **HOMEWORK**

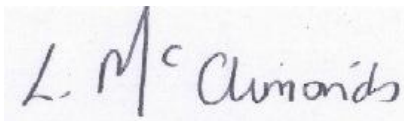
- Homework will begin to be phased in as from 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- We provide all stationery for pupils in school, pencils, a rubber, a sharpener, colouring pencils and a ruler will be required for homeworks. Individual teachers will inform children if additional items are needed.

Further information will be issued in our induction booklet which you will receive this week.

Our school routines will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and requires the cooperation and support from the whole school community. If you have any queries regarding the details of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward with enthusiasm to working with you in partnership during the 2021/22 academic year as we all work together to navigate the ever changing environment which COVID-19 presents.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Mc Climonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a capital 'L' and 'M', and a lowercase 'c' before 'Climonds'.

Mrs McClimonds