

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I try and navigate through the plethora of ever changing advice received each day, I am aware of the amount of information I am asking you to become familiar with. Hopefully this will get less as we move through this autumn term.

Visit from The Minister of Education

Since last February, I have been meeting with local politicians in our never ending quest to get extra accommodation for our school. This has been ongoing for a significant amount of time. This afternoon I will be hosting a meeting with Minister Weir, a representative from the Education Authority and a representative from The Department of Education. The agenda revolves around our increasing need for accommodation. I will let you know the outcome but in education nothing ever happens quickly!

Get school updates via your phone

Our school is now listed in the Schools NI app, which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The app is available on both Apple and Android devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar events and letters.

To install the app, open www.toreaghprimaryschool.co.uk on your phone or tablet and click the 'Download App' button that appears at the top of the screen.

If it doesn't appear at the top of the screen, please download Schools NI App as you would normally download apps on your device and then select Toreagh Primary School from the list.

If you have any difficulties doing this, please email Mrs Wells on ywells497@c2kni.net

Negative Test Results

There seems to be a little confusion over when a child can return to school after a negative test result for Covid-19. If you get your child tested and it is negative, your child/children in the household must stay at home for 48 hours from date of the test and should only return to school after this, if they do not have a temperature. This also means siblings must stay off too. A copy of the negative test should also be emailed for our records. Please let Miss Morrow know.

DROP OFF

Just a reminder to keep to our staggered start times. These are an integral part of the advice from DENI and our school risk assessment. We will be using the playground clock for our timings.

Time	Class(es)
8.40 – 8.50	P6 and P4
8.50 – 9.00	P5 and P2
9.00 – 9.10	P7 and P3
9.10 – 9.20	P1

PICK UP P1 and P2

We would appreciate it if you would be in the playground before the children come out at home time. Please adhere to social distancing whilst you wait. Primary 1 parents/ carers should wait in the half of the playground nearest the field and Primary 2 in the half of the playground nearest the vehicle entrance.

Communication

If you need to contact the school, please do so via email or telephone. Staff will get back to you after they have finished teaching. Please understand that staff will only reply to emails during working hours. If you have a Covid -19 query, please contact me by email or phone. In the evening or at the weekend, I will only respond to Covid-19 related issues.

Homework

We have been advised to restrict the movement of books, paper etc between school and home and vice versa. Homework will be placed in the Home Learning Section of the website. Please check this daily. No homework should be sent into school. Should your child have difficulty with their homework, please contact their teacher directly by email/phone.

C L Morrow

Principal