

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



It is wonderful to have everyone back at school! We cannot get over just how much the children have grown since we last saw them. The P4-P7 children have already settled well into the routine again.

Whilst it is fantastic to have all the children back and we are looking forward to a great Summer Term, we need to remember that the pandemic is still here. Please err on the side of caution if your child or anyone in your household is showing any signs of Covid, keep your child off school and get tested right away. Some schools have already seen positive cases, so we really appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for following the procedures for dropping off and picking up the children. DENI's most recent advice states that we must continue to do staggered drop off and pick up times. There is a slight change however in the drop of time for P7 after Easter:

8.40am – 8.50am P4 and P5/6

8.50am – 9.00am P2, P3 and P7

9.00am – 9.10am P1

Please note that I will continue to monitor the change and should I find that the change is not working and there are too many parents around the gate at any one time, times will revert back. Pick up time remains the same as circumstances are different.

For health and safety reasons, please do not park across the school gate or use it for turning.

AQE 2021-22

I wrote to AQE on Tuesday regarding their position on testing this autumn. I felt that it was necessary to know now what was happening for the sake of the children, parents and my staff.

This is the response:

“AQE Update 23 March 2021

The Board of AQE understands the need for certainty for pupils, parents and schools in relation to arrangements for the 2021-22 academic year. As ever, we will be guided by the NI Executive's guidance regarding the Covid-19 restrictions as the health and well-being of the children remain our primary concerns. The Board has been working with the relevant individuals and bodies to plan for the next assessment and hopes to be in a position to provide definitive information on the holding of its three-paper assessment by the end of April 2021.”

Hopefully a decision will be made in April. Just like all important educational decisions, watch the news!

KEY DATE

Monday 29th March -
Friday 9th April

Easter Holidays (inclusive)

Monday 12th April

School reopens

Monday 3rd May
Thursday 27th May
Friday 28th May
Monday 31st May

Bank Holiday School closed
School Closed School Development Day
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Bank Holiday School closed

Tuesday 23rd June
Friday 25th June

Last day for P7 children
School Closed for Summer Holidays.



On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your generous donations for our chosen charity. We have donated £640 to 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'.

As we approach Easter and the prospect of better weather, I wanted to wish you all a Happy Easter. Eat lots of chocolate and have some fun! I am looking forward to getting back out onto the golf course and enjoying some early morning walks.

We will see you all on Monday 12th April.

Take care,
Lyn Morrow
Principal

26.03.2021

