

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection/Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Miss Morrow

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Wells

School Governor: Mrs H Apsley

As we draw near to the end of another school year, I want to further take this opportunity to thank you and your children for making this year a little less difficult for us. The way the children have adapted to the changes is remarkable and your support has been overwhelming.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for all their hard work and diligence. Staff have been with the children from the time they have come into school, until the time they go home. They have had no time away from the children, eating with them and supervising the classes at break and lunch. It is my privilege to be in charge of such amazing people.

Thank you

Mrs Craig has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks for her present. She was totally overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity.

Moving Forward

Planning for September 2021 remains uncertain following EA communication to Principals, stating that schools should plan for the new term using the following assumptions:

- that the Covid19 Virus will still be present and circulating in Northern Ireland and we will continue to implement current mitigations to reduce its transmission.
- we need to plan to be ready to implement all restrictions again if required, but it is hoped that the number and level of restrictions can be reduced.

The EA have informed Principals that they will issue further guidance to schools in mid-August which will be based on the most up to date medical information and advice available at that time. When I receive this information from EA I shall convey it to teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and children.

On receiving this advice and adapting our risk assessment accordingly, I will update the website. A text will be sent out to alert you to this information. In the meantime please do not buy any school bags, pencilcases etc.

Toreagh continues to grow

As our school continues to grow and grow. Our enrolment number for the new term is 124 children. This is amazing and keeps us well out of the closure zone!

The new term will start on Wednesday 25th August 2021. On Wed 25th, Thur 26th and Fri 27th, there will be staggered starts and finishes. School will close at lunchtime. (SEE BELOW) **Families may arrive together.** Please wear a mask if you bring your child to the gate.

Times for WED 25th – FRI 27th AUGUST

Class	Drop off	Pick Up
P2 and P3	8.35am	12.00 noon
P4	8.40am	12.10pm
P7	8.40am	12.15pm
P5/6	8.45am	12.20pm

Class teaching will start at 8.50am.

Parents of P2, P3 and P4 pupils should collect their children from the playground. Please stay socially distanced and wear a mask.

These timings have been sent out to allow you to get organised in advance. We hope that these will stay in place regardless of any changes.

School Year 2021 / 2022

School commences on Wednesday 25th August 2021

Term 1 Wednesday 25th August 2021 – Tuesday 21st December 2021
Wed 25th, Thurs 26th and Fri 27th August school will close at lunchtime

Holidays

Half Term Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October (inclusive)

Christmas Wednesday 22nd December – Monday 3rd January 2022 (inclusive)

Term 2 Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022 (inclusive)

Easter Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022 (inclusive)

Term 3 Monday 25th April – Thursday 30th June 2022

May Day Monday 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank
Holiday Thursday 2nd June 2022

Platinum
Jubilee Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June 2022

School holiday Monday 6th June 2022

School closes on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12 noon.

This is the plan for the school year 2021 / 2022, which is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes to the above dates. School Development Days have still to be organised and you will be informed of these dates in good time, or of any changes to the above dates.

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from SD Kells, Larne, or www.squarewearschools.co.uk. If buying uniform from Squarewearschools.co.uk it is not necessary to buy the white t-shirt with the school logo, a plain white t-shirt from any shop is acceptable.

School ties are available from the school office at a cost of £5.00.

Summer of Play Challenge

To help children and young people enjoy a summer of play this year, PlayBoard is sharing the Summer of Play Challenge! The challenge is a list of the top 20 fun activities to try this summer (as voted for by our followers) - tick them off to keep a record of a fun summer of play!

Download PlayBoard's Summer of Play challenge at www.playboard.org/summer-of-play-challenge

I hope that some of the current restrictions will be eased next term and that school returns to at least as near normal as possible while implementing any necessary mitigations.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and may I wish you a happy and safe summer break.

C L Morrow

Principal

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