

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection/Safeguarding Team

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There is a great buzz about the school and in the playground. I have only heard good reports from my staff this week – long may this continue! As we move forward, remember to keep an eye on the Home Learning Section of the website for class specific information. If you need to contact a teacher, please use email if possible.

We have been open for the new term for just over a week and even in this short period of time, it is obvious that the pandemic continues to have a significant effect on our lives. I am very grateful for the support from parents so far in following our regulations and I know you will continue to help us keep our school as safe possible.

How to report a Positive Covid -19 Test

If your child receives notification of a positive Covid-19 test during the school day, please contact the school office immediately on 02828260617. If your child receives notification of a positive Covid -19 test result outside of school hours or over the weekend, please email lmorrow225@c2kni.net immediately. This will allow us to contact parents, the Public Health Authority and the Education Authority as soon as possible.

Please take extra care if you send your child to school if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in your household. Some schools have had children in school who have tested negative on day 2 and positive on day 5/6. It might be useful to have some lateral flow tests handy, should this situation occur.

Concussion Awareness – Who needs to know?

The Department of Education has requested that all schools should write to parents/guardians to highlight the need for you to keep all organisations informed if your child receives a concussion injury.

Concussion is a brain injury which is usually caused by hitting the head or from a fall. It can happen at any time, anywhere: for example, during sports, in the school playground, or at home.

Concussion must always be taken seriously and it is vitally important that any child/young person suspected of having concussion should immediately be stopped from continuing whatever activity they are doing and be assessed by a medical professional for diagnosis and guidance.

A second injury when a child has concussion can be extremely serious and may even be fatal. It is vitally important therefore that medical clearance is sought before your child returns to school/play. Children should not resume physical activities such as Physical Education (PE), sports or games until permitted to do so by a medical professional.

Concussion may also affect your child's ability to learn at school. This must be considered and medical clearance should be sought before the child returns to school. As symptoms vary from child to child, a graduated return to school programme may be needed.

If your child suffers a concussion in school or outside school, it is vitally important that you keep all people/organisations with responsibility for caring for your child informed so that they are aware of the potential dangers and any restrictions that may apply to the activities your child is permitted to do.

The 'Recognise and Remove' leaflet produced by the Department of Education and the Department of Culture, Arts, and Leisure is available on the Department of Education's website <http://www.educationni.gov.uk> and provides guidance on the signs to look out for.

Primary 7 AQE transfer tests registration Primary 7

Parents should note that the application process for the AQE assessments closes on Friday 24th September. Please refer to <https://aqe.org.uk> for further details.

Homework (beginning Mon 6th September)

Homework will be placed in the Home Learning Section of the website. Please check this daily. Each teacher will let you know what they would like the children to do. Work to be completed eg. worksheets/ reading books, will be sent home on Monday afternoon. We are continuing to limit the movement of materials from school to home and vice versa. No homework should be sent into school. Reading books should only be returned on a Thursday, this allows for these to be quarantined over the weekend.

Items coming from home into school should only be sent into school on a Thursday.

Hope you have a good weekend.

C L Morrow
Principal

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