

TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection/Safeguarding Team

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Our first full week at school is over. I was in the playground this morning and it was so lovely to see all the children. Friday will be our outdoor assembly day when we all get together, weather permitting. This will be a time to have some fun, give out our “Star of the Week” awards and maybe learn something new! Keep an eye on the school website for some pictures.

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 in 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.

AQE

Applications for registration of candidates will close on Friday 23rd September 2022 at 4.00pm. If you haven't already done so, please sign up asap.

Punctuality

If your child arrives after 9.00am and there are no staff in the playground, they should enter school via the front door.

Entering School In The Morning

P4 should now enter school through the school front door.

P5 should now enter school through Miss Morrow's side door
(as this will save a long walk on a wet day)

Attendance & Illness

It has been wonderful to have a 'normal start' to the school year and I am very hopeful that attendance levels will be higher than in recent years.

While I encourage good attendance it is also important that if your child is ill, that they remain at home. Please inform Mrs Wilson in the school office on the first day of your child's absence outlining why they are absent. With regards to Covid, any child who tests positive, should isolate for 3 days. Again, please inform Mrs Wilson if your child tests positive. I won't inform parents of every positive case but should there be a significant number of positive cases in a particular class, I will inform the parents of that class.

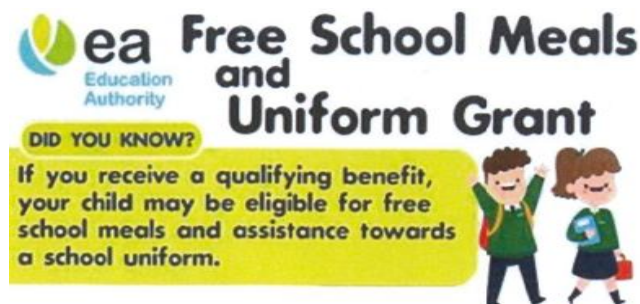
Email

There still seems to be a problem with Mr Nelson's email, therefore until further notice please email Miss Morrow (lmorrow225@c2kni.net) and she will forward it on to Mr Nelson. Once this has been rectified you will be informed.

Contacting School

If you need to contact school, Mrs Wilson will be in the office from 8.50am – 12.15pm and from 1.15pm to 3.00pm.

The office will be closed from 12.15 – 1.15pm. Alternatively email staff and they will get back to you when they can.



Please check the Education Authority website

www.eani.org.uk to determine if your child is eligible for Free School Meals and a Uniform Grant. As well as assisting eligible families; our School benefits through additional funding being allocated to our Budget from the Department of Education.

Even if your child does not want a school meal; the Uniform Allowance is still available and our school benefits. Should you require any further assistance; please call at our School Office. We will do our best to assist. Please note that families registered last term must renew their application to be eligible from September 2022.

Community News

Raloo & Magheramorne Presbyterian Church Fun Weekend 9th – 11th September 2022

As a mark of respect following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2, this event has been postponed.

C L Morrow
Principal

9th September 2022