



August Newsletter Session 2019/20  
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**Home Time Arrangements**

Thank you for returning your completed forms indicating your preferred home time arrangements. As per the letter sent home, Children in **Rooms 7-12 should exit via the Back Gate or Front Gate** to avoid congestion at the MUGA Gate. Children in **Rooms 2-6 should exit via the MUGA or Front Gate. All Primary 1 children will be dismissed from the MUGA Gate only.** The only exception would be any children being collected by after-school companies or those travelling home by bus, who would be collected from the school gym hall.

**Arrival at School**

No changes are being made to the entrance points in the morning, therefore all children have the choice of entering via the Front Gate or MUGA Gate. The Back Gate will not be open in the morning owing to limited staffing at this point in the day. Please remember that children are not supervised in the Playground before 8.45am. Breakfast Club will be available in the school Dining Hall from 8.15am until 8.45am. **More information about breakfast club will follow soon, including the expected starting date.**

**Car Parking**

Please be reminded that children should not be dropped off or picked up by families in the Car Park. This causes a serious health and safety risk and we must ensure the safety of all pupils. Gates will continue to be closed to all vehicles except staff, school buses or transported children. Likewise, First Steps Nursery has requested that families are reminded to please not park in their car park, nor use the grounds as a short-cut.

**Adverse Weather Arrangements**

In the event of adverse weather before 9.00am, we will aim to open the Dining Hall doors by 8.50am if we can. However, please ensure that your child has suitable, rainproof clothing - an outdoor jacket & shoes/boots/wellies with them as we know just how changeable our weather can be. The children benefit from being outdoors playing as much as is feasible.

**School Drop Off**

Owing to congestion at the school gates in the morning, we would ask that all adults leave the area as soon as children have been dropped off. Due to the number of adults standing in the area around the school gates, particularly the MUGA entrance, many of our younger children are finding it more difficult to enter the school grounds safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Extra-Curricular Programme**

We are currently in the process of organising our extra-curricular programme for this session and more details of this will follow shortly. We will aim to target children from different stages of the school over the course of the year.

**Parent/Carer Volunteers**

We will be hoping to recruit a number of parents/carers to support our school library this session and for our P2 Kerbcraft Training again this year. This generally takes place in January for 12 weeks, so please look out for information on both these important programmes. We would appreciate any amounts of time!

**Diary Dates:**

- 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August P6 Playground Leader Training 3 - 4pm this week
- 26<sup>th</sup> August Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> September Parent Council AGM @ 6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> September Shoogalie Road Theatre Company performing 'The BFG'
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September September Weekend Holiday

**Our school App company has advised that all diary dates will be uploaded shortly - there has been an unavoidable delay.**

**Phone calls**

Please avoid phoning the school office between 2.45 and 3.15pm, as all staff are required to supervise pupils leaving school. Please ensure your child knows who is collecting them, in the event of it being a change of adult.

**Water & Healthy Snacks**

As a Gold Standard Health Promoting School we are continuing to promote healthy living. Please remember to ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day to drink in class - only plain water can be used in class. Should your child require a snack at interval, please ensure this is a healthy option.

**Yellow Letters**

**Important letters will be sent home on yellow paper this year. These must be returned the next day!**

