



# STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and that our pupils are excited for the return to school. We do understand that returning after the summer break can be a daunting experience (even for the adults!) as everyone adapts to routines. If we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch, and we will help in any way possible. Support is available! For example, Strive NI will be running an online workshop on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm, based on strategies to support an anxious child ([booking at the link here](#)).

We will continue to use Class Dojo to regularly update you on all that is taking place in our school, so please do check the app regularly.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Meekin

### ***First Week Back:***



For all pupils (including our new little Primary 1 pupils!) school starts on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 9am (**gates open for drop-off from 8.45am**). School **finishes half day for pupils at 12pm on both Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

Please note that on these dates there will be **no school dinners and no school bus service available**. Pupils will need to bring healthy snack and water bottle with them on these dates.

**School meals and bus will come back into operation from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024** (school meals order link to follow).

### ***Breakfast Club/Wraparound Care:***

Our breakfast club (7.45-8.45am) and afternoon wraparound care (2-5pm) will recommence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, **priced at £3 per hour**.

We hope that you will agree that this remains an extremely cost-effective childcare solution. Booking links will be sent out towards the end of this week (please note that minimum numbers are required for this to run).

Our supervisors have already begun to plan lots of exciting activities for this!



### ***Uniform/PE Kit:***

In case anyone still needs any uniform items, please note that there are plenty of items of pre-loved uniform still remaining in school! An excellent way to save money as well as looking after the environment.

Pupils should wear full school uniform daily, with uniform PE kits worn on their class's designated PE days.



**P1-4 pupils** should wear PE Kits on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** each week (from week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024).

**P5-7 pupils** should wear PE kits on **Mondays and Wednesdays** each week, with swimming forming part of the Key Stage 2 PE curriculum each Monday from 9<sup>th</sup> September (further details regarding this will follow for KS2 pupils).

### ***Wellness Workshops:***

Following on from the success of last year's Parent Wellness Workshops, we have begun planning for our next events, to include parent/child sewing classes, flower arranging, textile Art workshops and some festive wreath-making – be sure to keep checking Dojo for the booking link for these, which will be coming soon! All welcome.

### ***Help us Improve!***



In Straidhavern PS, we are continually striving to be the best that we can be, and are very grateful for your feedback. The [link here takes you to a survey \(circulated originally in May 2024\)](#). If you have not already had an opportunity to complete this, we would love if you were able to take a few minutes to share your opinions as we plan for the years ahead. For our new parents, please feel free to get in touch with any suggestions – we would love to hear from you.

### ***Additions to our Straidhavern PS Staff Family!***

This year we welcome Miss Warke to our team as the P1/2 teacher, in the absence of Mrs Chapman, who has welcomed a new addition to her very own family! Huge congratulations to Mrs Chapman on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby daughter, Mollie. We are thrilled that Mum and baby are doing well. We hope that you will visit with us soon.



### **Upcoming Diary Dates:**

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Pupils return half day.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – School bus service, school meals service and breakfast/wraparound care recommence!
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Parent Teacher Association AGM (we would love you to come along, and are always excited to welcome new members)
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – School closed to all pupils (Staff Development)
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Save the Date for our PTA Pumpkin Patch!
- Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – half term break.
- *School Photographer – dates to be confirmed.*

## **HOLIDAYS 2024-25**

Please be aware that, whilst we make every effort to adhere to these dates, occasionally it may be necessary to amend them, due to unforeseen circumstances. Parents will be notified of any changes via the school website and Class Dojo.

### **Autumn Term**

Term Begins	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Half Days
School Closed	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	Staff Development
School Closed	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024-Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 inclusive	Staff Development /Optional Closure
Term Ends	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Half Day

### **Spring Term**

Term Begins	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Normal Day
School Closed	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 (inclusive)	Half Term
School Closed	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Bank Holiday
Term Ends	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Half Day

### **Summer Term**

Term Begins	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Normal Day
School Closed	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday
School Closed	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday/Staff Day
Term Ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Half Day

**On a half day all children will be dismissed at 12 noon.  
No school dinners will be available on these days.**