



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS (SEPTEMBER 2021)

It's hard to believe that we're officially at the end of September! We're glad to see a slight return to normality in school, however as we are increasingly hearing of positive cases in our locality, we'd emphasise the need to keep children displaying symptoms of Covid-19 at home and get tested as soon as possible. As always, please keep school informed.

Please find some information:

BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast and Afterschool Club are both off to a great start. We'd like to begin by thanking those of you who have made use of this over the past few weeks. Your support ensures we're able to offer wraparound care from 7.45am to 5pm each day.

Moving forward into the academic year (effective from Monday 4th October), we will be introducing a **4 child minimum** at each of these clubs. We need to ensure that these clubs are financially viable and if we only have 1 or 2 children attending certain sessions, it means the school is making a loss. Miss Baker (our clerical officer) will make contact directly with you if a session needs to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers. For this reason, we now request that applications for Breakfast and Afterschool Club are received by 1pm each Friday for the following week.

SCHOOL POLICY CONSULTATION GROUP

As we review our school policies (in line with our School Development Plan) I am hoping to gather a group of parents who would be interested in forming a consultation group. This group of parents will provide feedback into our school policies as they are reviewed. If you are interested in being a part of this focus group please email Mr Scott on ascott727@c2kni.net.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Subject to guidance from the Department of Education, we plan to have our Parent-Teacher Interviews during the week beginning 18th October 2021. During this week, school will finish for all pupils at 1pm. At this stage, we hope to have these meetings in school. We will adhere to social-distancing guidelines and face coverings must be worn inside the school building (unless you are exempt). We will also offer parents the option of a telephone or Zoom consultation if you would prefer. More details will follow in due course.

Afterschool Club will run from 1pm each day during the week of Parent-Teacher Interviews. The school bus will also be operational for this week.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: PARENT VACANCIES

Further to the message on Class Dojo, we currently have two vacancies on our Board of Governors for two Parent Representatives. Please email Mr Scott on ascott727@c2kni.net to request the nomination form and personal statement form if you are interested. The deadline for completed forms is **Friday 1st October at 3pm.**

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning a Halloween Family Fun Day on Friday 22nd October from 1pm-3pm. We're keeping this event top secret for now, but wanted to give you all some advance notice. We hope as many of you can join us for a spooktacular Halloween Family Fun Day in the school grounds!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th -22 nd October:	Parent Teacher Interviews (school closes at 1pm each day for all pupils)
22 nd October:	1-3pm: Halloween Family Fun Day!
25 th -29 th October:	School Closed (Half-Term Holidays)
12 th November:	Children in Need Day 2021
20 th November:	AQE Test 1
27 th November:	AQE Test 2
4 th December:	AQE Test 3

Mr A Scott

Principal