



## Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Newsletter

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### **MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Again I fully appreciate it that many of you are still experiencing difficulties downloading the Microsoft Teams App or gaining access through the school web site. We are testing the system for should we ever need to close the school or a class 'Bubble' over the next few weeks or months and revert to on-line learning. Hopefully we will continue to get all pupils access over the next week.

This week, on teams we will be issuing a Home Task that we would like you to complete in consultation with your child and return your comments to the class teacher.

I must stress that "Teams" is not a direct communication tool between you and the teacher for general schooling issues. Any notifications about your child's absence from school or issues in school must all been done through the school office or by contacting [pgilchrist570@c2kni.net](mailto:pgilchrist570@c2kni.net).



### **FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

As you are aware the School Nurse team visited our school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October to administer the flu vaccine.

However, there were a number of forms not returned which meant that not all children received the vaccine.

If anyone hasn't returned their form could you please return them to the school as soon as possible. These returned forms will be notified to the Community clinics to administer the vaccination.

### **SPONSORED WALK**

A letter will issue this week for all pupils to take part in our annual sponsored walk during the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October. Any donations for school

funds will be greatly appreciated.

### **NATIONAL MATHS WEEK 2020**

This coming week is National Maths week and there are a series of videos, puzzles and support available online for you to access. Two we recommend are; <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/family-maths-toolkit> and <https://www.mathsweek.ie/2020/>

### **SCHOOL ABSENCE**

Should your child be unable to attend school, for whatever reason, it is very important that you contact the school to notify us of the nature and reason for your child's absence. This can be done by phoning the school 028427 28278. If the phone is not answered, please leave a message. Alternatively you can email [pgilchrist570@c2kni.net](mailto:pgilchrist570@c2kni.net)

### **NOTIFICATION OF COVID TEST RESULTS**

If your child has been sent for a Covid test it is vital you notify the school of the result of that test once known, even if the test result is negative. If you, or a member of your family has symptoms and/or has been sent for a test, you must not consider sending your child to school until the outcome of that test is known. Please also notify the school of this scenario. Whatever the result it is vital you notify the school before your child can be considered for a return to school.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONTACT**

Should you wish to speak with your child's teacher, for whatever reason, please ring the school office to arrange an agreeable time for this to happen over the phone. This also applies to any messages you may wish to pass on to the teacher. If you insist on a face-to-face meeting this will require at least 24 hours notice and all protocols for social distancing and the encouragement for wearing of face covering will be required.





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### OUT OF HOUR SCHOOL CONTACT

A reminder that we have initiated a mobile phone contact number, which is available to you to contact a member of our school staff outside of school hours and during the weekend. **This phone number should only be used for emergency purposes if you need to alert the school of a potential case of Covid-19 for your child or family.** This number will not be attended to during the normal school office hours of 9.00am - 3.00pm. If you ring this number there is no guarantee it will be answered. Therefore, we ask that you send a text message to this phone rather than ringing detailing your name and purpose of contact and a member of our schooling staff will get back in touch with you asap. The number is **07716639826**. This number is also added to a contact detail on the school web site.

### DINNERS

This incoming week all dinners will be served in the Dinner Hall

Monday	Fish Bites, Herby Diced Cubed Potatoes and Peas/ Yoghurt or Melon Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Tuesday	Sausages, Mashed Potatoes and Beans/ Frozen Mousse Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Wednesday	Roast Pork Dinner/ Muffin Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Thursday	Chicken Curry & Rice/ Sponge and Custard Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink (In Classroom)
Friday	Chicken Nuggets and chips/ Biscuit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink (In Classroom)

Dinners cost £2.60 per day and must be paid at the beginning of each week in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class, the amount included and the days on which they wish to have school dinners.

Please try to include exact money as change will not be issued until later in the week.

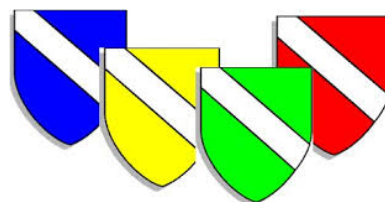
### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

Primary 1	Clíodhna
Primary 2	Cormac
Primary 3	Lee
Primary 4	Rebecca
Primary 5	Carli
Primary 6	Emily
Primary 7	Emmett

### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week's Total	Overall Total
Red	199	816
Green	201	814
Blue	204	815
Yellow	215	827





# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**

**VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.**

## YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

### A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

### A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.**

## HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

### YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

### YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

### CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

### YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

### YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

\*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including **Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers**, can be found on the Department of Education's website at [www.education-ni.gov.uk](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)

## EDUCATION RESTART

