



Week beginning Monday 12th April 2021 Newsletter

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We hope and trust all had an enjoyable Easter break and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning.

I remind you all to be mindful of the current procedures for school, which were being used before the Easter break and which available from the school website at <https://www.stmaryspsportaferry.com/cms/files/items/downloads/returntoschoolguide22ndmarch2021.pdf>

Contacting the School

If contacting the school about any queries or issues, please remember that the first point of contact is by phone to the school office: 028 427 28278.

School e-mail is
info@stmaryspsportaferry.ni.sch.uk

We will pass on messages to your child's teacher when received and get back to you as soon as possible.

Holidays Dates for Term 3

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th May

School closed for pupils

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

School closed for pupils.

Sacraments

We are hoping to celebrate the following sacraments on the following dates;

- Primary 4; First Holy Communion

Saturday 8th May 2021

- Primary 7; Confirmation

Wednesday 26th May 2021

We have not yet been able to confirm a date for Primary 3 First Confession.

Obviously, these dates are very dependent on factors outside of our control but we hope to be in a position to confirm timings and the logistics of who can attend over the next few weeks.

DINNERS

This week's menu is contained below.

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 and days on which they wish to have school dinner

Monday	Fish Filler, mash potatoes and peas/ Chocolate Sponge & Custard - Fresh Fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese with crusty bread/ Muffin - Fresh Fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Wednesday	Roast Gammon, gravy, stuffing with two veg, oven roast and mashed potatoes/ ginger biscuit - Fresh Fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Thursday	Chicken curry with boiled rice & Naan bread/ Strawberry Milkshake, fresh fruit & jelly Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Friday	Chicken goujon wrap with chips and salad/ frozen yoghurt & Fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink

PSG Easter Draw

Saint Mary's PSG Easter draw took place just before Easter Sunday at Anna's 'The



Rock Bakery' and the winning ticket was drawn out by Miss Grace Sweeney accompanied by Anna. The winners were Bradan (P7) and Aoibhe Rogers (P6). Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, donated prizes and helped in any way. The funds raised will go towards resources and experiences for our pupils.



Rainbow

To mark the end of an extraordinary period in our school history where the children have been separated due to Covid, but still very much part of the St. Mary's community, we decided as part of our "Easter Extravaganza" celebrations, that a whole school portrait would be a fitting tribute to the resilience of our wonderful pupils. As we were unable to position all the children together as a group, each class was taken in their 'class bubble', wearing a colour of the rainbow. Utilising the expertise of Michael Corcoran, and with the help of Mrs. Breen, we have produced an amazing myriad of colour, a St. Mary's rainbow which surely offers hope for the future, hope for our children and an end to the stormy waters of the last year. After every storm comes a rainbow 🌈



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/CORONAVIRUS](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

EDUCATION RESTART

