

ST FRANCIS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

24/8/22

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and enjoyed that gorgeous sunshine!

As we all start to get ready for a return to school I would like to remind everyone that the school day will begin, promptly, at 9.00 am for all pupils. Pupils arriving after this time will be recorded as 'late' and will require an written explanation via Seesaw, email or handwritten.

Bus club will be in place from Thursday 1st September & the contribution will remain £1 per day while we review whether we will recommence providing a snack and drink. Until our 'Parentpay' system is established, please give exact change.

Please ensure ALL uniform, bottles and coats are clearly labelled from day one to avoid any confusion for pupils. Where possible, bottles that attach to or can be stored in a lunch bag are preferable as they give little hands less to carry.

We would also strongly encourage any household who might qualify, to apply for School Meals and/or uniform assistance using this link: <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants> . Not only does this assist your family, it also gives the Department a clear view of the challenges households in our community are facing and can have an impact on the funding the Department of Education make available to the school for wraparound services which we do not currently receive.

In the interests of pupil safety, we would ask P1 parents to park along the Legananny Road and walk pupils up the Donard View Road to the entrance of the school, allowing P2-P7 pupils to be dropped off at the turning circle with schoolbags and coats in hand, keeping the flow of traffic moving. From 19th of September our P7 pupils will begin escorting our P1s down from the outer gate.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our St. Francis' superstars on Thursday 1st September, and welcoming our new P1s into the St. Francis' PS family.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer break!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. McKeown'.

Mrs S. McKeown

(Principal)