

Education Authority Western Region

**STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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1st September 2022



Principal Mrs. C Thompson

Dear Parents/Guardians,

May I take this opportunity to officially welcome you all to a new school year. I trust you have all enjoyed a happy and restful summer break. We enter this new academic year thankful that many restrictions have now gone and we can resume school as normal again. We continue to work in partnership with you, the parents/guardians of our pupils, and wish to encourage your involvement as much as possible in the education of your child/ren. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Staff update

Mrs. Barclay will continue in her temporary post of 3 days additional SEN teaching support for the junior classes for this academic year. P2/3 will continue to be taught by Mrs. M Allen.

Mr. Gamble is moving to a four-day week and Mrs. Fallows will teach his class on a Wednesday.

Arrivals and Departures (P1 – P7)

Arrivals

8.45am – 9.05am: Arrivals to allocated playgrounds.

P1 – P3/4 Junior playground gates

P4/5 – P7 Senior playground gates

Class begins at 9.10am

Reminder - P1 will go home at 12.45pm until the 9th September from the Junior playground.

Departures

P1 – P2: 1.50 – 1.55pm from Junior playground

P3: 2.50 – 2.55pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from senior playground
1.50 - 1.55pm Thursday and Friday from junior playground

P4 – P7: 2.50 – 2.55pm from Senior playground

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Registration deadline for P7 pupils wishing to sit the;

- AQE test is currently 4pm on Friday, 23rd September 2022
- PPTC (GL) is currently 2pm on Friday, 23rd September 2022

Carpark Safety

- Please ensure that you follow the one-way system
- Park in **one** space only.
- 5 mph speed limit.
- Be observant of parents and children walking to and from their lines
- Reverse park into a space

NO CHILD should be left unattended in the school grounds before 8.45am. Bus children to go to their designated areas on arrival. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Breakfast club

This will operate in the assembly hall from 8.15 am – 8.45 am each day. **Only children using the breakfast club should arrive before 8.45 am.**
Breakfast club menu and prices attached.

School Dinners

EA's Catering Services have published a **dinner menu attached** to this letter. School dinners are £2.60 per day. Please note, due to challenges in supply and demand, the canteen will aim to operate as closely as possible to the planned menu. During times when supply is disrupted, the canteen will endeavour to serve a menu which is as similar as possible to the planned menu.

To continue to enable the smooth running of the systems in place, dinners will be served in the dinner hall. The canteen staff will take payment for each day's dinner from your child at the till. It is also a good idea to pay at the start of the week for dinners planned. Please send money in an individual envelope marked clearly with:

- Pupil's Name
- Class Teacher's name
- Correct Amount included
- Date

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please apply online
<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Even if your child prefers to take a packed lunch, we would ask you to apply for free meals **immediately** as additional money is put into the school budget if you simply register as eligible. Children entitled to free meals will also receive a uniform grant.

Allergies

As we have a number of children in school who have severe allergies, parents are requested to ensure that **NO EGGS, TREE NUTS, PEANUTS, COCONUTS, LEGUMES or KIWI fruit products** come to school for break or lunch. Please also be reminded to send a healthy break to school e.g. fruit/vegetables.

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Milk

For the first week in September we will gauge the demand for milk in every classroom. Mrs. Maybin will order a small supply of milk for next week. Please inform the school if you **do not** wish your child to take milk. Milk numbers and costs will then be calculated and you will be informed as to the cost for Term 1. Nursery children get their milk free.

Healthy Break

The school is involved in the “**Healthy Munch Box Challenge**” again this year. Parents are requested to ensure that the contents of lunch boxes contain healthy food and drink **only**.

Absence/Communication

If a child is absent from school for any reason please either notify the school via letter or email. Please use the phone as a last resort as lines can become very congested.

Please also be aware that P3 – P7 have a green homework diary. Pages within this book are titled, general information. A note of communication can be written here for the teacher rather than phoning the school.

If you wish to talk to your child’s teacher we would request that you **make an appointment**, thank you.

To receive updates and notifications

Download the App to your phone to receive updates and notifications

App icon as displayed.

Go to the App store on your phone

Select Strabane Primary School



You will now have access to all media via the school website and app.

Medical conditions

Please inform the school immediately if your child has any **medical condition/s** that we need to be aware of e.g. an allergy, coeliac or asthma etc. It is also essential that if you have changed **contact details** such as a mobile number or home address since your child/ren started Year 1, that you inform the school as quickly as possible so that the changes can be made to our records.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for supporting our Cash for clobber Campaign by disposing of unwanted clothing and materials using the recycling bank located in our school carpark. The school receives funds from this campaign. Thank you to all who have used this facility.

Pre loved Uniforms

We continue to gather items of uniform which are then stored by Dunnamanagh Baptist church for families to avail of. Please send in any school uniform items which you are finished with and which are in good condition.

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Calendar

6th September

P6 swimming programme commences.

26th September

Staff Development Day – No pupils in school

31st October – 4th November

Half Term

Thank you for your cooperation on all of the matters listed above.

Yours faithfully,

C. Thompson

Mrs. C Thompson
Principal

For your attention, please read the following Attachments:

Hard copies

- Dinner Menu
- Breakfast Club Menu
- Child Protection Parent Trifold leaflet

Strabane Primary School Website

- P1 Induction policy
- Nursery Induction policy

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Strabane Controlled PS 2022/23 Calendar

September 2022						
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School Closed
Half Day

Pupils return to school on Thursday 1st September 2022

Strabane Controlled Primary School September 2022 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 29 th Aug 26 th Sept 24 th Oct 21 st Nov 19 th Dec 16 th Jan	Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty bread Sweetcorn Salsa Potato Salad Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks	Roast Loin of Pork or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or BBQ Chicken Panini Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Baked Beans Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurts
WEEK 2 5 th Sept 3 rd Oct 31 st Oct 28 th Nov 26 th Dec 23 rd Jan	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Breaded Fish Fillets or Lasagne & Crusty bread Sweetcorn & Peas/ Asian Slaw Mashed Potato Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad Apple Sponge & Custard	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savory cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake	Steak Burger & Bap or French Bread Pizza Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks
WEEK 3 12 th Sept 10 th Oct 7 th Nov 5 th Dec 2 nd Jan 30 th Jan	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Filled Baked Potatoes Salad Selection Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt and Fruit	Breaded Chicken Goujons or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla Wrap Pasta Salad Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Wedges Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce	Roast Gammon or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Melody of Fruit	Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
WEEK 4 19 th Sept 17 th Oct 14 th Nov 12 th Dec 9 th Jan 6 th Feb	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread or Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap ½ Baked Potato with Cheese Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFT: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Savoury Mince Garden Peas Mashed Potato Fruit Crumble & Custard	Roast Beef or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie and Banana chunk	Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken and Cheese Panini Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

Menu choices subject to deliveries



Breads
Milk, Water
A Choice of Fresh
Fruit & Yoghurt
Available Daily

If you require any additional information on Allergens or Special Diets, please contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form

Strabane Controlled PS is committed to the provision of a high quality of education for all pupils and high standards to all whom it serves. We believe that the fostering of trust and good relationships with the Parents/Guardians of our pupils is very important. A close partnership between home and school should help ensure that all our children learn and develop to their full potential in a caring, supportive and safe environment. Good communication is essential if we are to achieve this. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son/daughter's care/education please contact the school and arrange a meeting with the Principal and/or the class teacher.

We would also encourage you attend our Parent/Teacher meeting so that members of staff can keep you informed regarding your child's progress and development.

If you have any concerns about your child's safety you should use the following procedure to raise these:

- I have a concern about my/a child's safety.
- I can talk to the class teacher.
- If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection -Miss Finlay or the Principal - Mrs Thompson
- If I am still concerned I can talk/write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors- Mr N Darragh
- At any time I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team: 028 71314090 or the PSNI Central Referral Unit: 028 90259299

If you have escalated your concern as set out above & are still not satisfied you may revert to the school's complaints policy.

If you have a concern about a child's safety within the local community, you should bring this directly to the attention of the Children's Services Gateway Team

This leaflet can only provide a summary of our child protection policy and a more detailed policy is available on request from the school office or can be accessed on the schools website. Contact details are provided below. This policy will be reviewed annually. Should you have any questions to ask or comments to make in relation to the content of this leaflet or the full policy please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Principal.

The following are a list of other related pastoral care policies which are also available on the website or on request from the school.

Positive Behaviour & Discipline Policy
Use of Reasonable Force/Safe Handling
Special Educational Needs Policy
Educational Visits Policy
RSE Policy
First Aid and the Administration of Medicines
Health and Safety Policy
ICT and Social Media Policies
Intimate Care Policy
Complaints Policy

Other Useful Contact Numbers including school address, telephone number and web-site details

School Address: 43 Derry Road
Tel Number: 02871382510
E-Mail Address: cthompson738@c2kni.net
Web Address: strabaneps.co.uk

EA CPSSS: 028 82411289
Social Services Gateway Team: 028 71314090
PSNI: 101 (Request the Public Protection Unit)

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PASTORAL CARE

Child Protection Policy (Summary)

(Information for Parents)

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Aims

Strabane Controlled Primary School aims to establish a caring environment within which the academic, personal, social and spiritual potential of each child will be developed. The pastoral dimension permeates all school activities.

We have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge and we will carry out this duty through our pastoral care policy which aims to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment.

Principles

Our Child Protection Policy is based on the following Principles:

- The child's welfare must always be paramount.
- Children must always have a right to be heard, to be listened to and to be taken seriously.
- Parents/carers have a right to respect but a proper balance must be struck between ensuring this and protecting children.
- Every child has the fundamental right to be safe from harm and have proper care given to their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

School Safeguarding Team

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors: Mr N Darragh
The Designated Governor for Child Protection: Mrs A Smith

The School Principal: Mrs Thompson

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Miss Finlay

The Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection:

Mrs Thompson & Mrs McDonnell

Members of the team have clear roles and responsibilities in relation to the safeguarding of pupils within the school and these are detailed in our full child protection policy.

Principles

In order to protect our pupils, we at Strabane Controlled PS will adhere to the following procedures.

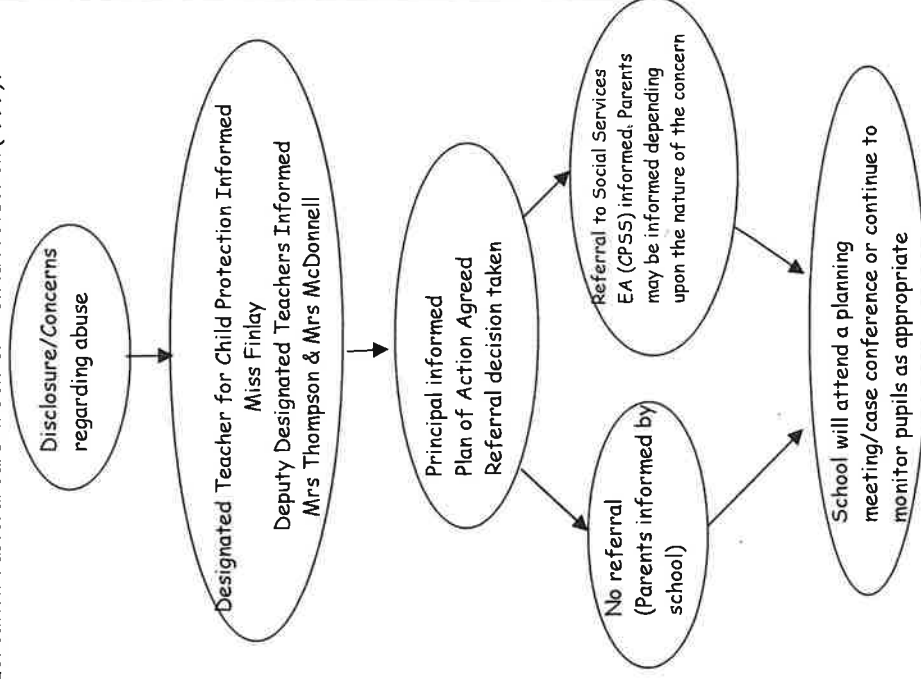
- All staff teachers, non-teaching staff and volunteers will have clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse or neglect is suspected.
- All staff and volunteers will undergo a vetting procedure in order to maintain the highest standard of professional care towards our children.
- All teaching and ancillary staff will attend a Child Protection training programme organised by the Designated Teacher.
- Children will be supervised at all times while in the school grounds.
- When it is necessary to change the child's normal travel arrangements permission will only be given on receipt of a written request or telephone call by a parent/guardian.
- All visitors to the school must report to the Secretary's office.

Bullying is a highly distressing and damaging form of abuse and will be responded to sensitively in our school. All staff will be vigilant at all times and will aim to prevent bullying by raising an awareness with pupils, staff and parents about bullying, its forms and consequences.

All staff at Strabane Controlled PS will ensure that all children are aware of who they can talk to if they are sad, worried, being bullied or have any other concerns.

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Miss Finlay and the deputy, Mrs Thompson or Mrs McDonnell will assume responsibility in her absence.

The Department of Education of Northern Ireland requires all those working in education to co-operate fully with social services and other agencies to protect children. It is therefore our duty to refer if there is a concern about any form of abuse. The following diagram shows the procedures we are required to follow and is based upon the procedure described in The Department of Education publication 'Pastoral Care in School — Child Protection (1999)'.



PRIMARY BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	CEREAL AND DRINK	65p
TUESDAY	CHEESE ON TOAST AND DRINK	65p
WEDNESDAY	PANCAKE AND DRINK	65p
THURSDAY	BEANS ON TOAST AND DRINK	65p
FRIDAY	SCONE AND DRINK	65p

PLEASE TALK TO THE CATERING SUPERVISOR IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

THESE PRICES COMMENCE ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2022

PRIMARY BREAKFAST MENU

TEA	40p
HOT CHOCOLATE	45p
FRUIT PORTION (4 oz.)	45p
TOAST (Buttered)	25p
CEREAL WITH MILK (2 oz.)	30p
PANCAKE (Buttered)	40p
WHEATEN BREAD (Buttered)	25p
SCONES (Small)	35p

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C. MAYBIN 1/09/2022