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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas break. Please find below some information for the term ahead.

Safety Issues at 2.45pm Collection Time

I would ask you to please be mindful of the children's safety at the 2.45pm collection time. Each day there are cars pulling up at the school gates and blocking the road for other parents. This forces the children to walk on the road between the cars and is **extremely dangerous** for the children. If you are collecting your child, please pull in to the layby at the school, or park, use the Community Centre or the Chapel car park and keep the road as clear as possible. **Please do not park directly in front of the school gates, at the no parking signs.** The children's safety is our priority and if the parking of cars does not improve at the 2.45pm pickup we will be left with no alternative except to ask parents/ carers to collect their children on foot from the school gates.

Traffic

An official from the Education Authority visited the school on Monday to review the current pick-up procedure. It is hoped that her report will help to strengthen the school's case for additional safety measures on the road.

Applications for a Primary One place in September 2023

The EA Portal to apply for a place in Primary One in September 2023 is now open. Further detail on the application process is available on the EA Website-

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

The application portal will close at 12 noon on the 27th of January

Post Primary Applications

The admission criteria for the Post Primary schools can now be viewed on

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/search-admissions-criteria>

The EA Portal for application to Year 8 will open at 12 noon on the 1st of February and will close at 4pm on the 23rd of February.



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Primary Six Transfer Preparation Classes

Classes for children who are intending to sit the GL Assessment Entry Examination in November 2023 will commence next Tuesday. The classes will run each week from 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm (sharp).

Primary Six/ Seven Swimming

Primary Six/Seven swimming lessons will commence on Tuesday 17th January. Further information has been sent home with the Primary Six/ Seven children

School Choir

The school choir will resume next Wednesday 17th, January 2023 – 2.45- 3.45 pm (sharp).

Additional Flu Vaccine Session

The school nursing service is running a drop-in clinic for the children who missed the vaccination in school. The clinic will be held in John Mitchel Place on Thursday 19th January between 2.30 pm and 4.30pm. Consent forms and information leaflets will be available at the clinic.

Afterschool Sessions Block Three

A letter has been sent home today containing details of the next eight-week block of afterschool sessions

Spanish Lessons

Spanish classes resumed on 11th January for all the classes. We will add payment for Term Two at the start of February. A reminder will be sent via the School Money App.

GAA Coaching

GAA coaching resumed on 10th January for all of the classes.

Pollinator Grant

A small outdoor classroom has been erected in the school grounds, this project was funded by the Live Here, Love Here Grant awarded to the school and should provide enjoyment for the children for many years

Diary Dates

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled to place on 14th February (Ms Mc Conville) and 15th February. The school is closed on 15th, 16th and 17th February.

30th January: Staff Development Day: School Closed.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Magee and staff.

