



St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough

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Dear Parents

We are delighted to welcome our pupils back to school after the summer break and we look forward to a new school year with plenty of fun filled activities. We would like to welcome our fabulous new primary one children to Mrs Quinn's class and wish them the very best as they begin their educational journey in our school.

COVID Protocol – Close Contacts

Please refer to the school's protocol if your child is identified as a close contact. The PHA have also issued the attached flow chart to schools outlining the various procedures parents must follow if their child tests positive or is identified as a close contact. If your child is displaying COVID symptoms whilst at school, you will be asked to collect your child from school and arrange for a PCR test.

<https://www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com/cmsfiles/items/securedocs/COVIDProtocol-CloseContact.pdf>

Educational Visits & After School Clubs

Educational visits will go ahead as planned at various stages throughout the school year. Our school will continue to work in conjunction with educational centres and risk assessments will be completed prior to each trip to ensure all safety and COVID measures are adhered to.

After school clubs will continue this year and each class will be given an opportunity to take part in an after school club throughout the school year. Please note the following for our first half term:

Primary 5 & 6 – Fitness Circuits for 6wks starting Wednesday 15th September 3pm-4pm

Primary 7 – Transfer Prep with Miss Maguire

Beginning of Year Mass

Our beginning of year school mass will take place on Wednesday 15th September at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us via the parish webcam.

School Funds & Fundraising

We have secured £500 from 'Live Here Love Here' for the development of a community garden that will be positioned at the front of our school. The garden will have a variety of wild flowers, planters, fruit trees and vegetable beds that our staff, ECO members and pupils will nurture throughout the school year. We would like to invite parents or family members to become involved in developing this area so it can be enjoyed and celebrated by our entire school community.

Thank you to all families who generously made a donation to our school funds last year. The money raised enabled us to develop the outdoor area where our pupils enjoyed the new trim trail, willow dome and outdoor classroom. We are hoping to develop this area further with more equipment as well as developing our community garden and therefore we would be grateful to all families if a

contribution could be made via our school app. A pay option will be made available this week and parents will be notified via text.

	One Child	Family
Term 1	£10.50	£21.00
Term 2	£10.50	£21.00
Term 3	£7.50	£15.00
Year	£28.50	£57.00

This equates to approximately £1.30 per week!!

A non-uniform day will take place on the last Friday of each month and we ask parents to pay £1.50 via our online payment system.

School Holidays

HOLIDAYS	DATE
Halloween	25 th - 29 th Oct 2021
Christmas	Finish @11am on 22 nd December 23 rd Dec 2021 - 4 th Jan 2022
Mid Term	14 th - 18 th February 2022
St Patrick's Day	17 th & 18 th March 2022
Easter	Holy Thurs Finish @ 11.00am 15 th - 22 nd April 2022
May Bank Holiday	2 nd May 2022
May Bank Holiday	1 st – 3 rd June 2022
Summer Holidays	30 th June 2022

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

M. Meehan

Mr M. Meehan (Principal)

Flowchart for PARENTS based on NI Direct website guidance

Only use for pupils in a school setting 03/09/2021

