



Straid Primary School  
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**Dates for the Diary**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children arrive- 8.45am-8.55am (Staggered arrival) Children leave (P1-7 in families)- 12.35pm-12.45pm (Staggered departure)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children arrive- 8.45am-8.55am (Staggered arrival) Children leave (P1-7 in families)- 12.35pm-12.45pm (Staggered departure)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children arrive- 8.45am-8.55am (Staggered arrival) Children leave (P1-7 in families)- 12.35pm-12.45pm (Staggered departure)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children arrive- 8.45am-8.55am (Staggered arrival) Children leave (P1-7 in families)- 12.35pm-12.45pm (Staggered departure)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Children arrive- 8.45am-8.55am (Staggered arrival)  Virtual Assembly- 9.30am-10.00am  Children leave (P1-7 in families)- 12.35pm-12.45pm (Staggered departure)

**Extra Announcements**

**Straid Primary School Open Week**

This year, due to the current circumstances, we will be holding an Open Week for parents/guardians to see our school instead of an Open Day.

**Open Week will be completed during the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December under the following conditions:**

- 1) Groups will be limited to 2 people,
- 2) Groups will only meet with Mrs. Boyd,
- 3) When groups are shown around, they will not be allowed to enter the inside of the classroom,
- 4) All adults will be required to wear a mask unless medically exempt,
- 5) Groups will be required to hand sanitise upon entry to school,
- 6) Groups will not be allowed to use school toilet facilities,
- 7) Groups will only be allowed entry by prior arrangement with the principal,
- 8) All adults will be temperature and symptom checked on entry to the school grounds,
- 9) Groups will be allocated appointments every hour to allow for clean down of handles and surface areas between appointments,
- 10) Groups will be advised via email of these arrangements prior to their appointment, as well as asked to cancel and re-make their appointment if symptomatic or self-isolating.

**Use of Church Car Park**

The Church have asked that we as a school make use of the lower car park on the week of **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** Arrangements will return to normal from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Straid Congregational Church for their permission to use the church car park over this time. It is most appreciated.



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### Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents/guardians who replied to our parent survey last week. We will be in touch with parents/guardians later in the week outlining the results and changes to the school day from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.  
Please also note that completed survey replies are anonymous in nature.  
If you have any additional concerns about areas within the survey, please get in touch with Mrs. Boyd in school.

### Parent Interviews

Parent interviews this year will take place over the phone in line with EA guidelines for schools. Please note that all children will go home at 12.45pm this week to facilitate the interview process. Pick up times are in line with allocated drop off family times sent out at the beginning of October.  
The school bus is available to drop children at school in the morning, however, the bus will not be available in the afternoon. Therefore, children who get the bus in the afternoon will need picked up by a parent/guardian  
**All drop off and pick up arrangements will return to normal from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

### Christmas Celebrations

**This year, we plan to have a Christmas Celebration Week from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

We hope that this will be a well-deserved reward for all the children who have been brilliant in school during a challenging time. The following are some of our plans for this festive season:

- 1) **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December)**- served in class bubbles complete with class Christmas Trees a Crackers (Quarantined for 72 hours),
- 2) **Christmas Outdoor Scavenger Hunt and Orienteering Day (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December)**- In class bubbles,
- 3) **Christmas Art and Craft Day (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December)**-In class bubbles,
- 4) **Christmas Movie Day (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December)**- served with a pre-ordered choice of popcorn/crisps/water/juice/sweets (Quarantined for 72 hours), and
- 5) **Straid Primary School Christmas Celebration Video**- uploaded onto our website Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

School will inform you if there are any changes/additions to these activities. If you have any enquiries, do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Grant at any time.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Boyd