



# EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome Back

August - September  
2019

### Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils, parents and staff for what will be another very busy year in school. Having visited all the classrooms over the first 2 days, it is great to see how well settled everyone has been-long may this continue.

### School Uniform

The children coming in look so smart in their new school uniforms. It certainly helps to set a positive example throughout school. As I am sure you are aware, we have almost 500 pupils on site with Nursery School, Primary School and the Speech & Language unit. Please ensure that all items of uniform, coats and PE kits have your child's name on them.

### Clooney Greenway

The Clooney Greenway is now open for use. I am hopeful that this will have a positive effect on reducing traffic flow to school, keeping congestion on site to a minimum. It will also provide opportunities for the pupils (and parents!) to become more active on their commute to school, giving safe passageway and encouraging an active lifestyle-all positives for a child's health & wellbeing. Having engaged with Sustrans last year, we hope to further promote active journeys to school and I would encourage you to walk, scoot or cycle to school if you have access to the Greenway

### Car Parking

Work has been completed during the summer months on installing additional speed ramps, double yellow lines and NO PARKING signage to areas of the school grounds.

Firstly, I want to thank all those parents who have observed these additions and have driven/ parked appropriately on site.

I ask parents to make sure they **DO NOT** park on these areas. Any additional work carried out has been done so with the health and safety of our pupils and parents in mind. Having observed traffic flow and inconsiderate parking last year, it is surprising that there has not been a serious incident/ accident. I know there were a few very close calls. Any cars that are found to be parking where they should not be will be noted. If there is continued misuse of parking, then those parents may be refused vehicle access to the school site. This is not something I particularly want to be doing, but nor do I want to be making a medical emergency call.

I ask for your continued support in this matter.



### External Pedestrian Gates

With the opening of the new Greenway, we now have additional gates that lead on to the school grounds. Our aim is to ensure all external pedestrian gates are locked down by 9:30am. They will then open again at 1:15pm to allow pick from Nursery. Any parent needing access to school between these times needs to come in the main gates off the Limavady Road and report to the school office.

## **Nut-Free School**



You will have received information regarding requirements for Ebrington Primary & Nursery School to be a 'nut-free school'. This includes any products which may contain nuts/ nut traces. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

## **After School Clubs**

We are ready to start our after school provision from Monday 2 September. Parents have had the opportunity to sign up during this week. Additional after school clubs will start the week beginning Monday 16 September. Some of the activities will include Highland Dancing, Relax Kids, Maiden City Soccer, Mini Rugby and Hockey. Some activities will be offered to particular year groups in 6-8 week blocks, while others will continue throughout the year. (Additional information to follow). Due to the loss of our Extended Schools funding, all clubs offered will incur a cost of £2.50. This is to cover staff and external facilitators/ resources.

## **Curriculum Review Meetings**

Curriculum review meetings will be held in school over the coming 2-3 weeks. Having observed these last year, it is a great opportunity for parents to come to school, meet the class teacher and learn of the roles, responsibilities and expectations of the class for the coming year. I would encourage a full attendance as we aim to work as effectively as possible with our home-school links to best benefit each pupil. Dates are as follows below, letter to follow.

## **Walled City Tattoo**

Well Done to our senior choir, who performed so well at the Walled City Tattoo during the summer. It was great to see the commitment of so many during the holidays-pupils and staff. We know there will be a number of key events that we will be involved in during this year, so keep practising!



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

PTA Meeting - 7.00 pm

School Photographs (whole school) and families (more Information to follow).

P7 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P4 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P2 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P3 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P1 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

Nursery Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P6 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm

P5 Curriculum Meeting @ 7.00 pm