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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
& NURSERY UNIT
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Tuesday 30 November 2021

Open Morning – Saturday 4 December 2021

We look forward to welcoming all prospective Nursery Unit and Primary One boys & girls along with their parents on **Saturday 4 December 2021** for our Open Morning between **10am – 12.30pm**.

Prospective Nursery Unit pupils and parents are invited to 'come and meet us' in our Nursery Unit indoor and outdoor learning areas where you will have the opportunity to take part in lots of enjoyable Christmas activities and speak to Nursery Unit staff. Entry is via the Nursery Unit outdoor black gate. Don't forget to visit Santa in our school canteen.

Prospective Primary One pupils and parents are invited to view our Foundation stage (P1 & P2) classrooms and our specialist sensory room alongside activities based around our theme of Julia Donaldson's 'Stickman'. Entry is via our Primary School Lower entrance. We will also have lots of indoor and outdoor activities including those in our canteen and assembly hall including the opportunity to meet the big man himself, Santa Claus. The Principal, George McCluskey, and Primary School staff will be available to answer any queries you may have. Our school secretary, Margaret Craig, will also be on hand to answer any queries regarding the online application process and school admissions criteria.

In terms of maintaining a covid-safe environment, we require all adults on the premises to wear face coverings. We require visitors to remain in their family groupings throughout their visit and to move along at a steady pace between the activities, especially indoors. The indoor activity areas will be well ventilated throughout and sanitising stations will be readily available. Our cleaning staff will be on hand to regularly sanitise any multi-touch points and surfaces.

Everyone will be guaranteed a warm welcome where prospective Nursery Unit and Primary One children will get a flavour of all the wonderful opportunities that Oakfield Primary School and Nursery Unit has to offer.

School Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner will be served on **Wednesday 8 December 2021**. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper or Christmas hat to Christmas dinner. Mr McCluskey will have both on!

Christmas Jumper Day 2021

All our classes are preparing a little item to celebrate Christmas online again this year. This will be recorded on our Christmas Jumper Day which is planned for **Thursday 16 December 2021**. We look forward to publishing these videos via Seesaw shortly after this date.

Continued guidance on Covid procedures and measures in school in light of new variant

Symptoms as listed by the Public Health Agency (PHA).

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
 - A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 - A loss of or change in sense of smell or taste
1. If anyone becomes unwell with Covid symptoms in school, they must be isolated and sent home immediately. The child/adult will go for a PCR test ASAP. Tests can be booked at : <http://covid-19.hscni.net/testing/>
 2. The school will inform parents if a member of the class has tested positive in their child's class.
 3. The children in that group will continue to attend school in their 'consistent grouping'.
 4. Where the individual tests negative, they can return to their class and end their self-isolation 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.
 5. Where the individual tests positive, the Public Health Agency now take the lead in identifying close contacts. So, if your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by PHA directly.

6. As agreed by NI Executive on 9 September 2021, parents will inform the school of test results. Mr McCluskey is the data controller for Oakfield PS & NU and will adhere to all GDPR protocols.
7. All test results should be emailed to Mr McCluskey on gmccluskey739@c2kni.net and copied to Mrs Craig on mcraig913@c2kni.net

General procedures being implemented to keep everyone safe

8. Pupils will continue to be taught in 'consistent groupings' (bubbles by another name).
9. Any pupil who exhibits symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend school.
10. If any child is absent from school for any reason, the school will need to be informed of the reason for their absence before they can be readmitted to school. *Ideally this should be on the morning of the first day of absence.*
11. No parents/guardians will be permitted inside our school building at this time.
12. Parents/Guardians should wear face coverings while on our school premises.
13. Parents/guardians leaving off and collecting children should remain socially distanced.
14. A drop-off container will again be placed outside our main entrance, for exchange of any necessary documentation, but we hope that most information will be exchanged electronically.

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie