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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

& NURSERY UNIT

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**Monday 5 September 2022**

### Welcome back to all

May we take this opportunity to welcome all our children, parents and staff back to what we hope will be a most successful and rewarding year ahead. A special welcome is extended to all our new Nursery Unit and Primary 1 pupils and their families.

### Uniform, punctuality & mobile phones

Having visited all the classes, it is marvellous to see the children exhibit such pride in their school uniform. Please label all new clothing, especially sweatshirts and coats. May we take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support with regard to uniform. We wish to remind you that the wearing of jewellery including earrings, rings and necklaces is not permitted, for reasons of safety and we would strongly encourage you to support the school on this issue. Mobile phones should not be brought to school. May we also request that children be in school promptly for the 9.00am bell. Morning adult supervision begins in our playgrounds at 8.45am and children should not be on our school grounds before this time unless attending breakfast club. P1-P3 children finish at 2pm and P4 –P7 classes finish at 3pm each day.

### Breakfast club, 223 club and after school clubs

**Breakfast club** will be available for all P1-7 primary pupils from **Thursday 1 September 2022**. Miss Davis will run our breakfast club alongside catering staff. Breakfast club will run from **8am – 8.45am** at a cost of **£2** per day.

**223 club** will be available from **Monday 12 September 2022**. Mrs Getty will run our 223 club and it is available initially for our P2 and P3 pupils. 223 club will run from 2pm – 3pm each day at a cost of **£2** per day.

**After school clubs** will resume for our **P4 – P7 pupils** for a **7-week** period this term from week commencing **Monday 26 September 2022** – week commencing **Monday 21 November 2022**. Your child will have received a copy of the available clubs today and should return their choice slip by **Friday 9 September 2022**. Copy attached. Many thanks to teaching staff for generously providing this extended provision for our children.

### Football and Multi-Sports Coaching

We look forward to welcoming two sports coaches this term.

Firstly, for P1-P7 football, we have **Paul Thompson** joining us each Friday from **Friday 9 September 2022**. You will receive a separate permission and information slip about these arrangements. On Fridays, children may wear sports clothes to school. Black joggers/track suit bottoms or leggings, white t-shirt or polo shirt and school sweatshirt with trainers.

Secondly, we are delighted to welcome back **Daniel Lafferty** in his new role within the Irish Football Association. Daniel is able to offer us multi-sports coaching for Key Stage 2 classes as part of a funded Department of Education Initiative. Daniel will join us on Mondays from **Monday 12 September 2022**. KS2 pupils will change for these sports sessions in school.

### Current Covid advice

Current Public Health Agency (PHA) Covid advice for schools recommends that any child who displays Covid symptoms should not attend school. PHA are advising parents of children who are unwell and have a high temperature to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend. Staff who have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work should also stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**. They should continue to do this until they no longer have a high temperature and/or feel better.

### P7 Information

**AQE 2022-2023** - For our Primary 7 children wishing to complete the AQE process this year, may we advise you that AQE registration opened on Wednesday 4 May 2022 and closes on **Friday 23 September 2022 @ 4pm**. The registration forms are available to parents or guardians from participating AQE grammar schools, the AQE office or may be downloaded from the AQE website. [www.aqe.org.uk](http://www.aqe.org.uk)

### Seesaw App 2022/23 & Parental Information Updates

All teaching staff have set up their new Seesaw class accounts and we will be using both the Seesaw class App and Seesaw family App again this year. Your child/children will receive their new QR codes to access Seesaw this week. We ask you to download both Seesaw apps so that you can receive assigned homework, class-related posts/reminders, photographs and valuable school information.

Please note that on **Monday 12 September 2022**, your child's class teacher will provide a parental information update outlining an overview of the year ahead and this will be uploaded to Seesaw.

### School Information Forms

The annual school information forms were emailed on **Friday 26 August 2022**, to parental email addresses. Please complete and reply to [mcraig913@c2kni.net](mailto:mcraig913@c2kni.net) as soon as possible as it is essential that we have current contact details and permissions. If you are experiencing difficulty with this email or have not received it, please contact Mrs Craig on 02893351352.

### Co-Principals arrangements

On behalf of the Governors of Oakfield PS & NU, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Yana Moore in her new role of Co-Principal alongside Mr George McCluskey from **1 September 2022**. This new arrangement sees Mr McCluskey move to a 3-day week and therefore Mrs Moore will be Principal for the remaining 2 days.

G. McCluskey & Y. Moore

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teachers for Child Protection

Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour

Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie