



September 2021 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone to the new school year! I trust that everyone is settling into their new classes and all the routines that come with being back at school. It is my sincere hope that this year will be much more like a normal school year. To that end we will be gradually reintroducing some of things that have been restricted over the past 18 months. You will read below of the reintroduction of clubs and music tuition. We are doing this in a gradual and carefully planned manner to ensure that we are maintaining as safe an environment as we possibly can. If you have any questions about these activities, or anything else, please let us know.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will start during the **week beginning 27th September**. All places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis through the School Money system during the week beginning 20th September, so I would ask all parents who wish to register to check that they are familiar with logging onto this system. To increase the number of pupils who can attend each club we will be grouping classes together. *Please be aware that in attending a school club there is an increased likelihood of your child being identified as a close contact, should there be a case of covid in the school community.*

For term one we are able to offer;

Day	Club	Provider	Cost (per week)
Monday	Tennis (P6-7)	TBC	TBC
Tuesday	Football (P4 & P5)	Ultimate Soccer	£4
Wednesday	Football (P6 & P7) Miniversity (P2 – P3) Miniversity (P4 – P5)	Ultimate Soccer Miniversity (see attached leaflet)	£4 Contact directly study@miniversity.com
Thursday	Hockey (P4 –P7)	Primary Hockey	£4
Friday	Hockey (P4 –P7)	Primary Hockey	£4

The cost for the term must be paid up-front to ensure registration.

Music Tuition

We are delighted we will have two music tutors in school this term; Mrs McAleer will be returning to take piano lessons and Mr Mahood will be returning to teach drums. We will be forwarding registration information to you in the next few weeks.

School Fund

School Fund is an extremely valuable addition to our always stretched school budget. Last year we used your generous donations to fund the purchasing our new Smart Panels. We are exceptionally grateful to all those parents who contributed last year; this money has made a real difference to the standard of education we can provide to your child. I would like to stress that this is a voluntary donation to the school. We are asking that each family contribute £14 per term, per family, to our school fund. Payment can be made in

one instalment or three. This will be done via School Money – each parent will receive a text that will say they “owe” us this money but, as stated previously, this is a voluntary contribution.

Parking and Road Safety

As you know, our school is situated on a busy road, there is very little available parking outside the school and we do not have the space to accommodate parents’ cars in our own car park. I understand that parking is difficult. I also understand that local residents are entitled to ask that cars be moved when they are being blocked in or out of their own home. I want to maintain good relations with our local residents and for the pupils and parents of Crawfordsburn Primary to be promoting a positive image of our school.

I therefore would like to urge all parents and carers who drive their children to and from school to please drive and park considerately, and to be aware of not blocking people in and preventing them from going about their daily business. I also encourage you to, if possible, make full use of the morning drop-off window (8:45am – 9:05am). Those parents arriving later in the window are experiencing much less traffic than those arriving early.

This is obviously an ongoing issue and one that will be addressed by our new school building. However, in the meantime, I have spoken to a number of local representatives about improving parking and road safety around the school. Should you also feel strongly about this matter I would encourage you to contact a local MLA or Councillor to add further weight to calls from the school for this situation to be addressed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for your continued support.

If anyone with mobility or health issues requires a car park pass, please contact the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now up and running - bookings must be made on the School Money site before midnight on Sunday. Food is not provided but children may bring food with them, it costs £3 per pupil and is open from 8am. Parents may drop their children into the car park (before 8:30am) and bring them to the blue door into the assembly hall.

At this stage we are committing to run this club until the October half-term. We have noticed less of an uptake this term, presumably as more people are working from home. We are taking the first half-term to evaluate the longer term feasibility of the club so I would encourage anyone who feels they may require this club to start using it as soon as possible.

Bullying Prevention Policy

You may be aware that new legislation is coming into force this September regarding how schools manage the difficult issue of bullying. Part of this legislation requires us to consult parents regarding our new Bullying Prevention Policy. As such, please find attached to this email a draft policy for your consideration. I would ask that if you have any comments to make on this policy, that you forward them to me at gwalker844@c2kni.net before the end of the month.

Child Protection

Please also find attached a summary of our Child Protection Policy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Dates

Staff Development Day (Pupils not in school)	1 st October
School Photographs (more info to follow)	7 th October
Flu Vaccinations (more info to follow)	13 th October
Half Term	25 th October – 29 th October (Inclusive)