

EDUCATION AUTHORITY – SOUTHERN REGION

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Dear Parent

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer. I am sure you are beginning to think about getting your child ready for their return to school. School will re-open on Monday 2nd September. For those pupils in P1 who are due to commence their school journey, we extend a very special welcome to you and your parents. Please check your child's start date in the pack that was presented to you at your child's induction day in June.

Permission Forms

There are four forms located in the 'Forms' section of the app that you should complete before Friday 23rd August for each of your children. They are:

- Child Protection Policy Confirmation Form 2024/25 (Policy available on the app and the school's website)
- Intimate Care Permission form 2024/25
- Medical Conditions 2024/25
- General Permission Form 2024/25

In addition, please complete the medical AM1, AM2 and AM3 forms if they are applicable to your child.

Replacement Auto-Injectors and other medications should be brought into school on Monday 2nd September.

Free School Meals and Transport

Online applications for Free School Meals and Transport are now live on the Education Authority's website. I would encourage you to apply for Free School Meals if you are eligible. This is your entitlement and additional free school meals numbers at the school will ensure that the school receives more funding. The EA's website will provide you with more details.

The cost of a meal from Monday 2nd September will be £2.70 per child, per day. This cost includes charges associated with running the online payment facility. Please book meals for the week beginning Monday 2nd September, by midnight on Sunday 1st September. The School Meals payment form will be made available on the app towards the end of next week.

The Late Payments Forms should only be used as a last resort. Please continue to send in a handwritten note on a Monday morning detailing the days your child is having a meal and/or what days they are staying for the P1-P3 Club. This will help the teacher collate dinner numbers quickly before sending them to the kitchen. Mrs Watson checks payments on a Thursday. The menu on the app runs to the end of September.

Breakfast Club, P1-P3 Club & Toast

Both the Breakfast Club and P1-P3 Club will commence on Tuesday 3rd September. The P1-P3 Club can be paid through the app with cash being used to pay the Breakfast Club on the day. This will allow your child to use the club

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with flexibility. Please note, pupils can pay for the week ahead when paying for breakfast.

Breakfast Club Fees

A child arriving:

8.00am - 8.15am - £4.00

8.15am - 8.45am - £3.00

Furthermore, with the school opening at 8.45am, pupils arriving at this time are welcome to go down to the hall for a bowl of cereal, toast and a drink before lessons commence at 9.00am. This would cost £1.00 per pupil, per day and may benefit those pupils who arrive on the bus and anyone who would like a quick breakfast before lessons commence. *Please note, the Breakfast Club has been reinstated due to a favourable response to the survey sent out to parents last term. If the club is not supported, it is likely that it will become financially unviable to run. Please support the club.*

The P1-P3 Club (1.45pm – 2.45pm) will cost £4.00 per day, per child.

Toast will be available on Monday 2nd September – 30p per slice.

Reminders for September:

- Please purchase **black** shoes for your child, not black branded sports shoes. Pupils are welcome to leave an old pair of trainers in school for lunchtime football etc. The letter 13/05/24 has more details regarding uniform including information about purchasing pre-used Donaghey uniform. The uniform requirements will again be relaxed in June 2025.
- The General Information section on the app has more information including School Closure Dates 2024/25 and the Parent Information Booklet 2024/25.
- **Those parents, grandparents, child minders etc dropping children off/collecting children from school, should not park in the entrance to the farm across the road. Please pass this message on to the relevant person(s) who transport your child to and from school. The Church Car Park is only available to parents for certain events – Nativity Plays, DPA events etc. Your co-operation is much appreciated.**

Details regarding our extra-curricular programme and all aspects of life at Donaghey Primary School will be made available to you in due course.

If you know of any parent who would be interested in transferring their child to Donaghey Primary School, please encourage them to email me – sharrison687@c2ken.net. Our Facebook page offers a flavour of what we have to offer at the school. Our website will contain information such as our latest inspection report, policies etc.

I hope you enjoys the remainder of the summer break. Stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison
Principal