



## Loanends Primary School

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Dear Parent

Welcome to Term 3. Let's hope this is an uninterrupted term and we can get right through to the end of June. We will however continue to be cautious and continue to implement the mitigations that we have put in place throughout the year.

Staggered start and stop times will continue as before Easter:

Class	Starting Time	Finishing Time	Class	Starting Time	Finishing Time
P1	8:50am	1:50pm	P5	9:00am	2:15pm
P2	8:45am	1:45pm	P6	8:55am	2:30pm
P3	8:55am	2:00pm	P7	8:45am	2:00pm
P4	9:00am	2:15pm			

### Reminders to parents:

- Please remember social distancing;
- Avoid gathering around the front door;
- Wear a mask on the school premises.
- Also for general safety, use the footpaths to access the school and avoid walking through the staff car park.

### Homework Policy:

Staff are currently working on our Homework Policy for Term 3. This will be shared with you as soon as it is complete.

### School Money – Reminders:

Reminders are 'pinged out' to parents to inform of new items to buy eg milk uniform etc.

These are sent as a reminder to all parents even though you may already have purchased them so please be careful you don't pay twice!!

*Credit in School Money* - if a child has a credit in school money (from a dinner that was cancelled for example) and you want to pay using the credit you MUST select the option PAY WITH CREDIT. The system will not allocate the credit automatically as it could be used in many different ways.

### Late Milk Orders:

Requests for milk for this term were sent out last term on the SchoolMoney app and on the last communication sent to parents, to go to the online shop to purchase. Some children have asked for milk this week, yet this has not been ordered or paid for.

Dale Farm need a week's notice to fulfil school milk orders and to enable the office to do this, milk needs to be ordered and paid for by the date requested.

If you still require milk for your child this term, it can be ordered to start from NEXT week (w/c 19th April), however this must be ordered and paid for on School Money by tomorrow morning **at the latest** (14 April 2021).

### Milk Orders and Refunds from previous term:

Refunds for milk ordered during lockdown have now been refunded to the account it was paid from.

### Holidays/School Closures for Term 3:

Monday 3 May                      Bank Holiday

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Tuesday 4 May	School Development Day (School closed for pupils)
Thursday 27 May	School Development Day (School closed for pupils)
Friday 28 May	School Development Day (School closed for pupils)
Monday 31 May	Bank Holiday

Holidays/School Closures for 2021-22 will be issued once dates have been confirmed.

### **After School Activities:**

At the present time and while we await further guidance we do not have any plans to resume After School Activities where pupils would normally mix in different year groups. We are aware however, that some of our external providers are considering an alternative approach, where they may be able to facilitate activities maintaining the integrity of the class Bubble. Should this be possible, we will advise you of what safely can be offered.

We believe that it is important for all pupils' physical and mental health that we include, as advised, increased opportunities for PE, games and outdoor activities within the school day. Again, these activities will be facilitated with the class Bubble in mind balanced against curriculum demands, especially for P6.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to four creative P5 pupils who recently entered Road Safe NI Competition and came out tops in the Antrim and Newtownabbey district council area. Their fantastic entries will now go forward to the regional final. We are delighted for Ruby Gardiner, Katie Hamill, Eve McIlmurray and Callum Steele who created posters highlighting important road safety messages for drivers and pedestrians. Oh...did I mention that they have won a £50 voucher each to spend!!! Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Hegarty for spotting the competition and entering her class.

*Linda Armour*

Mrs L Armour  
Principal

CC Mr R McCourt  
Chairman of the Board of Governors