



Loanends Primary School

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Dear Parent

I should be grateful if you could please note the following:

- Firstly, could I just say a very Happy New Year to all our pupils, parents, and friends of the school. Thank you also, on behalf of the staff for all your kindness with Christmas presents and delivery of goodies over the Christmas period. We greatly appreciate it!
- **Trial:** From 9 January, we are offering supervision from 8.30am for children who require an earlier drop off. Pupils will be supervised by Classroom Assistants and then sent to their classrooms at the usual time of 8.45 am. There will be no charge for this, but we may ask for a small donation for charity at a later date if this is widely used.
- **After School Activities:** More details to follow from Mrs Montgomery. Jujitsu recommences on Tuesday evening, 10 January at the usual time. Beginners welcome, from 5 years up. 6.00-7.00 pm. Please contact Lorraine 07812029477.
- **P1 Intake September 2023:** The application process is an online format. Digital admissions will be live from **Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 12 noon until Friday 27 January 2023 at 12 noon**. Please refer to www.eani.org.uk for updates. Also note that applications received after 12 noon on 28 January will be treated as "late." If anyone would like a Prospectus to pass on to a family member or neighbour, please contact the school office for a hard copy or refer to the school website for a digital version: <https://madcolour.cld.bz/Loanends-Prospectus-22-23>
- **Advance Notice - Parent/Teacher Consultations:** school will close for all pupils at **2:00pm each day, week commencing 6 February**. Just a reminder also that **there will be no after school activities that week**. I would ask that parents of children who use the school bus to advise Stephen if they intend collecting children themselves. We plan to offer the choice of face-to-face interviews or a telephone call. Bookings can be made online as we did in October. We will let you know when the booking calendar is open.
- **P7 Transfer consultations** will take place, for those requesting advice, week commencing 6 February. AQE and GL results will be issued on **Saturday 4 February**. Just a reminder that application to Post Primary School is also an online process which parents must complete independently of the school. Interview times for those wishing to discuss school choices will be sent home separately to P7 parents.
- **Car Park/Foot Paths:** please be advised that Mr Brady will endeavour to grit the foot paths when icy conditions prevail. We undertake to do what is reasonable; unfortunately, the car park is too large an area to salt with a small machine as are the playgrounds. Please ensure that your children get safely into school on icy mornings. This is parents' responsibility.
- **School Attendance:** As previously requested, it is important to ensure a note explaining absence is sent to the class teacher to allow accurate recording of your child's attendance which is regularly monitored by the Education Authority's Welfare Officer. An impassioned plea...Please also make every effort to ensure children are in school by 9:00am. Late arrivals cause disruption and detain staff from other morning duties.
- **Advice/Guidance on sickness:** Please note "The Public Health Agency advises that with diarrhoea or vomiting, children should be excluded from school for 48 hours from the last episode."

Thank you.

Linda Armour

Mrs L Armour
Principal