



**Carrickfergus
Model Primary
School**

"Aspiring to learn, care and grow
together."



Term 1: August / September Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the Autumn Term 2025. It is lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer!

A very special welcome to those families joining us throughout our school and for those brand new to us in Primary 1.

Well done to all of those children who kept a little bit of school work going over the summer holidays but if this didn't happen, don't worry!

As your child transitions to a new class, it can be an exciting yet anxious time. They will all settle but do give them the space and the time that they need to do this. Teaching staff will be in touch with you if there are any difficulties but it will take everyone a few weeks to get back to routine.

Apart from the settling in time for new Primary 1 pupils, we ask that parents refrain from entering the school with their child in the mornings unless given permission at the front door or back gate. Thank you for helping us with this safety measure.

Our Primary 7 pupils will be straight into their SEAG practice on return with tests taking place this November.

Thank you for getting your child ready for the new term - we all appreciate what that entails and how much it costs. Please reach out if things are difficult. Please also reach out if there is something difficult going on at home that may impact your child in school; it is helpful if we know what support may be required.

I hope your child enjoys their first week back at school!

Mrs J Miller



Diary Dates

Monday 1st September

8.00am Breakfast Club begins (this is open to everyone but it must be booked on ParentMail in advance so we can plan our staffing. Dinners also available from today.

Tuesday 2nd September

Healthy Break & Milk Payment Deadline

Wednesday 3rd September

All Primary 1 pupils in school until 12.15pm (pick-up from the front door).

Monday 8th September

Healthy Break & Milk are available from today. Primary pupils can have dinners from today.

Friday 12th September

PTA Welcome Breakfast at 9.00am in school canteen.

Wednesday 24th September

Primary 1 Information Evening for all P1 parents

Friday 26th September

School Closed all day for Staff Training

Friday 10th October

Harvest Assembly

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Parental Interviews

Half-term

Monday 27th Oct - Fri 31st Oct

At Carrickfergus Model:

Every child is unique...

...and should be known and celebrated

Every parental perspective is different...

...and should be accepted and understood

Every staff member is precious...

...and should be valued and respected



Please be advised that if your child has a serious food allergy (not a food preference) this must be shared with school as soon as possible. If your child requires a special diet there is important paperwork to complete for this. If this paperwork is not completed correctly and signed by a health professional then the school canteen will not be able to serve your child any food. This is EA policy and Mr Caldwell will be in touch about this. Thank you very much for your co-operation with this matter.



If your child has an inhaler a spare one should be kept in school with their teacher and another one at home.

If your child requires an Epi-pen or diabetes medication, we must have the correct care plan and medication in school.

Any medication that your child requires to take in school must be accompanied by instructions and permission in writing. It is not sufficient to speak to an adult at the gate. It must be in written form.

Thankyou!



We are incredibly lucky to have Legg Park beside our school and we use it often within school time.

However, please be advised that school staff cannot be expected to discipline pupils for anything that happens in Legg Park. If parents are concerned that something may spill into school life then absolutely let us know but our focus has to be within our own school grounds.

Please supervise your child in Legg Park whilst they are in school uniform to avoid unnecessary confrontation with other parents or members of the public.

Thank you for your understanding.



We are unfortunately not in a position to offer parking within our school grounds. Our staff car park does not hold enough spaces for our staff / visitors so it is vital that parents don't park / drop off in the school car park. The only time this is allowed is if you are collecting a child

who has had a significant injury or you have been granted permission by the school for a specific reason. Gates are closed at 8.45am.

Please always consider the residents around the school site and if parking at the back of the school please park on one side only; this really helps congestion. Friday afternoons are very busy and whilst it is all over very quickly, it is advised to park and walk on a Friday afternoon.

No aggressive behaviour or language will be tolerated at pick-up time.

Sleepy Hollow

Please ensure you close the back gate behind you if you are collecting from Sleepy Hollow in the afternoon to ensure the safety of our pupils.



School Website

This year we are developing a brand new school website which should work more intuitively on mobile devices. We will let you know when it is ready!



Our school phone is very busy first thing in the morning as Mrs Smythe is on front door duty from 8.30am - 8.50am. Please leave a message if required or email Mrs Smyth at lsmythe295@c2kni.net instead. We will do our best to return your call but our priority will always be getting the children into school safely at the start of the day.



The Department of Education is currently carrying out an independent review of teacher workload with over 10 workstreams being explored. Please be mindful of the contracted working hours of our staff. We will always aim to respond as soon as possible to Seesaw Messages but there may be a delay in this if it is sent outside of working hours. If a communication is urgent speak to us in person or send an email. Thank you!



Class Curriculum Information

Teaching Staff are currently preparing an overview for each year group. These are hopefully very useful and will be sent home on Seesaw on Friday 5th September.

PTA Welcome Breakfast



Please join us on Friday 12th September at 9.00am as we decide upon a new PTA Committee and plan the year ahead!

Whether you are a seasoned member and helper, are a new parent to our school or are able to be involved for the first time, we'd love to see you there!

PE Days

STARTING MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

P1: Thursday & Friday

P2: Tuesday & Thursday

P3 & P4: Tuesday & Thursday

P5-P7: Monday & Wednesday

