

St. Oliver Plunkett's Primary School

Scoil Naomh Oilibhéar Pluincéid

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Dear Parents,

As we head into the Christmas period, I want to inform you of some school matters:

Christmas Dinner

This will take place in school on **Thursday 10th December** and pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper on this day. All pupils will then go home at 1pm to allow staff to receive their Christmas dinner.

School Closures

School will finish at normal times on **Tuesday 22nd December**. As this is supposed to be a school closure, however, there will be no school dinners or bus on this day. Therefore, can I ask that all pupils please bring a packed lunch on this day.

As a result of our extended closure at Halloween, the school will now reopen on **Friday 8th January** and will also be opening on **Tuesday 16th March**. School dinners and transport will be provided on these two days.

Engage Programme

The school has received funding from DE to employ a substitute teacher as part of the Engage Programme. This funding is as a result of the long school closure last year and is to assist schools in providing focused small group support to pupils within schools. As a result, we have welcomed Mr Ciaran Beatty to our school. Ciaran will be assisting teachers throughout the school and offering small group and 1-1 support as per required. We hope this will benefit many pupils over the coming months.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Unfortunately, due to Covid Regulations, we are not permitted to deliver our meetings as has been the norm. However, we all appreciate the need for parents to receive a meaningful update on the progress their son/daughter is making in school. Therefore, we will be conducting short meetings **via telephone** and your child's class teacher will be in touch over the next few days to inform you of a time slot when they will contact you via telephone. Please try and arrange to be available at this time if possible.

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Lateness

Can I ask all parents to please ensure children are in school **before 9am**. Any pupil who arrives after 9am must be signed in by their parent at the school office. Children should not go straight to their classroom after this time.

School Uniform

Pupils are permitted to wear their PE gear to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless instructed otherwise by their teacher. This must include **navy jogging bottoms only**. On the days of normal school uniform, **black footwear** should be worn.

Standardised Tests

During the next week, all pupils in Primary 4 -7 will be completing standardised tests in Numeracy, Literacy, Reading and Spelling. Having missed out on administering these last May, it will allow the school to continue to track the progress of our pupils.

Thank you for your continuing support of the school.

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