



CYBER ATTACK

As you are no doubt aware from the media – EA had a cyber attack over the Easter Break. All digital systems were shut down. We have some of our school system up and running but everything is not running completely well at present. Please note that we may be a little slower getting back to you with messaging etc for now.

*All our Parent Pay App system is not an EA C2k system so your bookings and payments will not be affected at this time.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US IN SCHOOL

We have a very clear strategy in place for children to get all kinds of help needed. If this is of a Pastoral nature – children know they have assistants, teachers, Heads of Year, Vice-Principal and Principal to chat to.

Should your child bring home an upset, we appreciate this can impact family life.

Please try the following:

- Ask your child did they tell any adult in school.
- Try to get your child to identify the scale of their upset.
e.g. Has this happened once?
If more than once – how often?
What did you do?
How has this affected you?
How do you think we could fix this? etc.
- Send a query message to the teacher to get them to investigate/find out details if it is an important issue.

Be assured, we always follow up on any upset a child/parent brings to us if it is impacting a pupil.

As pupils grow older, they become more independent and resilient for their life ahead in Post Primary School, but we still intervene if a child needs help to support them.

Should a child appear overly emotional/upset about something that has happened outside of school, at home, we will be in contact with you as parents, if appropriate, to follow this up.

Contacts: After the class teacher –

Head of -	Yr 1	Mrs Hyde.	
	Yr 2	Mrs Irwin.	
	Yr 3	Mrs Brown. -	<u>Cover</u>
Absent	Yr 4	(Mrs Barrow.)	Mrs Scott
"	Yr 5	(Mrs K Robinson.)	} Mrs Mulligan
"	Yr 6	(Mrs Ewart.)	
	Yr 7	Mrs Watson	
V.P.		Mr Joyce	
Principal		Mrs Mulligan	
SEN Issues		Please contact	
		Mrs Stewart or Mrs Kennedy	

COMMUNICATION

Positive communication between school and home is essential.

EA has very clear guidance about communication being acceptable within school working hours (8:30 – 4:30pm).

Seesaw/email correspondences are short “message giving” methods to convey vital information. Should there be a problem/issue to discuss, that is lengthy, there should be a phone call/meeting request to the teacher, Head of Year, SEN Team, Vice Principal or Principal. It is appreciated and expected that all parties are mannerly and pleasant in order for discussions to take place and resolutions found in a non-judgemental way. Thank you for treating our staff with respect.

As in all public sector bodies, EA does not permit abuse or aggression towards staff in schools to be tolerated.

We are thankful this type of behaviour is very rarely evident in our school community, and this is appreciated. Thank you for supporting our staff in their work positively.

We are committed to resolving all concerns efficiently and effectively together.

MUSIC FEES - APRIL

Please ensure all Music Fees are up to date. 1st April was the deadline for Term 3 lessons.

P1 LETTERS

Any parent who made application for a P1 place for their child, will have received a letter from EA and school on 23rd March with the outcome of this application.

Should you, or anyone you know, not receive a letter, please contact the school office (02893 322389).

Thank you

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs were taken this week and groups will finish today. You will receive a proof and ordering information in the coming weeks. Should you wish to purchase a photograph - please follow the guidance information.

ULSTER HOCKEY FINALS

Our Girls and Boys Hockey Teams reached the Ulster Finals Days this week. Both teams did extremely well. Well done Boys and Girls. Thank you to all parents who assisted the teams with transport.

‘Working together, towards excellence, for all.’