

# CURRICULUM MEETING 2023/2024

## PRIMARY 6 & 7



# ADMINISTRATION

- The school is now operating a cashless system.
- Everyone is asked to Log in to the website <https://eduspot.co.uk/> and sign up to the school money parent log and select what lunch their child is having.
- Lunch options- Free Dinners; Paid Dinners (including hot and sandwiches);
  - sandwiches (Packed Lunch brought from home)
- Dinners £2.60 per day.

▶ Uniform: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - Full School Uniform

Tuesday and Thursday - PE uniform - navy shorts or jogging bottoms white polo-shirt, half-zip or school jumper (MFC School Gear)  
(We will be swimming on a Tuesday morning-appropriate swimming gear necessary).

▶ Rewards - Pupil of the week, Cappy Award, Reading Eggs & Mathletics

▶ The Pupil Voice remains strong at St Mary's. Pupils in Year 4-7 will form the Eco Council; Digital Leaders or School Council. All children are encouraged to share their ideas with Mrs Martin and their class teacher using a digital forum.

# ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE

If your child needs to get out of school during school hours or is absent please inform me by email [amorgan634@c2kni.net](mailto:amorgan634@c2kni.net)

Or contact the school office.

Or alternatively through the message facility on Seesaw.

School Attendance Matters - See A Parent's Guide

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/school-attendance-matters-parents-guide>

# The Curriculum

## Language and Literacy:

**Reading** - Encourage reading at home - Home Reads, Reading Eggs and Library Book Listen to your child reading their 'Home Reads'. Listen for expression, fluency and understanding of the story.

In Class we have- Shared Reading - Class Reads  
Guided Reading - Class Novel

**Writing** - Forms of Writing; Narrative, Procedural, Recount, Report, Persuasive and Explanation.

## Mathematics and Numeracy:

Processes, Number, Measures, Shape & Space and Handling Data- Focus Number and problem solving. Please help your child to learn their number bonds/times tables. We have a weekly mental maths check up alongside our spelling check up test.

**The World Around Us** - Topic- Ireland will be our First Topic.

**The Arts**- music, drama and art

**ICT**- ICT is a cross curricular skill and is developed through all areas of the curriculum. iPads are now used as part of the daily teaching within the school and will be used as part of our blended learning, Seesaw, log in details to access MySchool.

▶ PE: Full PE uniform required

A broad range of sports and activities will be covered in PE.

▶ Personal Development & Mutual Understanding Living Learning Together Programme

▶ Religious Education:

We are following the *Grow In Love* and the RSE programme *Education for Love*.

# TESTING/ASSESSMENT

- ▶ We use AfL to assess and monitor children's progress and learning.
  - ▶ The children use Peer & Self-Assessment to provide feedback on their learning. Traffic light system.
  - ▶ Progress tests - PTE, PTM (May 2024\*)
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# HOMework

- ▶ Mental Maths Book- Daily Activity Monday-Thursday (On alternative weeks).
- ▶ Spelling workbooks on alternative weeks. 4 pages per unit, one page completed each night. On these weeks, the 'List & Revision' words will be their spellings to learn.
- ▶ Where appropriate a written piece of Literacy or Numeracy homework may be provided.
- ▶ Spellings & Reading and mental maths focus.
- ▶ Reading Eggs and Mathletics- Activities will be assigned weekly and should be completed for a Thursday night. This will be rotated.
- ▶ All homework should be completed, signed and returned to school daily.
- ▶ A weekly overview with instructions for homework will be provided each week in their homework diary.

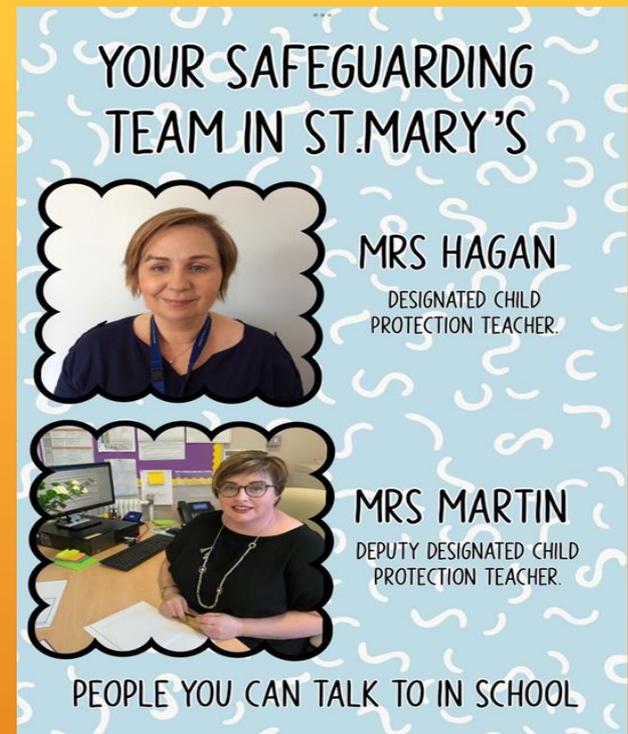
# EXTENDED SCHOOLS

- ▶ At present there is no Extended School Clubs available for children in P6/7 as there is no demand for this facility.
- ▶ If you have issues with child care or wish to suggest clubs please speak to the School office.

# DESIGNATED TEACHER

- ▶ Mrs Hagan is Designated Teacher
- ▶ Mrs Martin Deputy Designated Teacher
- ▶ Please inform the DT  
or Mrs Martin if you have any concerns.
- ▶ How children get home.
- ▶ We are an Operation Encompass school
- ▶ Please see Page 10 of the policy for further information about what this means.

[https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/131/docletter/20210825023402\\_94\\_Safeguarding\\_Policy\\_June\\_21\\_Operation\\_encompass.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/131/docletter/20210825023402_94_Safeguarding_Policy_June_21_Operation_encompass.pdf)



# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

- Mrs Hagan is the new Special Education Needs Co-ordinator.
  - She is also a member of the safeguarding Team.
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# COMMUNICATION

- ▶ Parent/ Teacher Consultations - At present we are hoping to hold face to face consultations in October or November further information will follow on dates and time slots.
- ▶ School website  
Please visit the school website and subscribe to email or download the app to keep up to date with school.

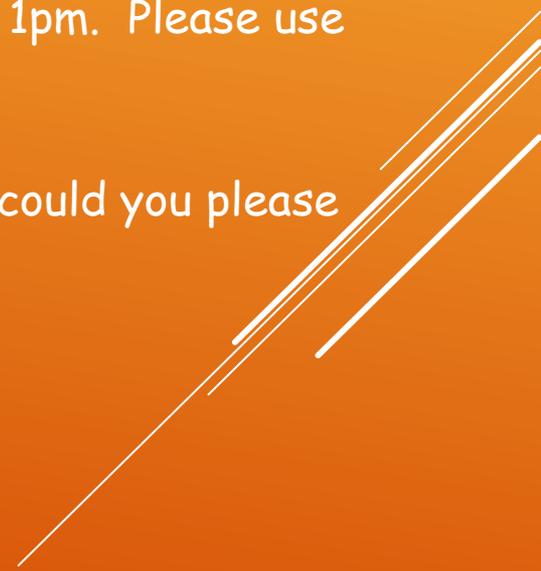
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# COMMUNICATION

- ▶ *Weekly Sway* - Every Friday you should receive a *Weekly Update* via text.
  - ▶ Please ensure that the school has up to date contact information to ensure that you are receiving text messages.
  - ▶ *Social Media* - Queries can only be answered during the school working day.
  - ▶ *School Office* - Our office is only opened from 8.45am - 1pm. Please use *Seesaw* to message the class teacher after 1pm.
  - ▶ To assist with parent connecting to their child's journal, could you please give the class teacher a working email address.
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## Questions/ concerns



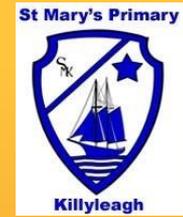
Please feel free to contact the class teacher using the seesaw app if you have any questions or concerns. this is monitored regularly during their normal working hours.

Please use our telephone line if you have any queries or concerns on 028 44828542 or  
You can contact me on amorgan634@c2kni.net

### complaints procedure

please refer to our policy for guidance on our complaints policy

[https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/131/downloads/complaints\\_procedure\\_jan\\_2020.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/131/downloads/complaints_procedure_jan_2020.pdf)



Thank you for your time.

I hope we have a good year working together and maintain high standards in St. Mary's P.S. Killyleagh.