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Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Thank you for your attendance and support of the "Meet and Greet Afternoons". It was lovely to welcome parents into the school and to have the new school year begin positively.

As noted on both days, we are keen to see a relaunch of our school **"Parent Council"** and if any further parents are interested in being involved, we would encourage you to get in touch via email. (info@braidsideintegratedps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk). The Parent Council support both activities/ events for the children as well as the work of the school. We look forward to hearing your ideas and getting things underway.

BRAIDSIDE STAY AND PLAY CLUB

I am pleased to inform parents that from **Monday 3rd October**, Braidside will be operating a **"Stay and Play Club"** for children from P1-3, from **2pm-3pm daily**. At present we will have *spaces for approx. 25 children on a daily basis*. Children will be supervised by 2 classroom assistants and will engage in fun play-based activities. As with Breakfast Club, bookings will be taken in advance only and parents may select individual days or a number of days across each week for their children to attend. The Stay and Play Club will be available at a cost of £1.00 per day. Bookings for week bg 3/10/22 should be sent to the office by Fri 30th September. (Please note P3 club is likely to commence on Tuesdays in the next week or two).



BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK: **Mon 26th- 30th September**

Our first whole school activity **"Bike to School Week"** takes place next week and we hope lots of children will take the opportunity to travel actively to school. We have had great success with our Sustrans programme and love to see the children coming to school this way. Additionally, car-parking and traffic around the school has been a concern since we have returned; particularly where cars have parked / stopped around the turning circle and children are getting out between cars and through moving traffic. We ask all parents to park within the spaces available on school grounds and to consider active travel as an alternative. The safety of the children and other pedestrians on school grounds remains paramount; please exercise care at all times.

Morning Routines

To help children /staff and to ensure the smooth operation of school in the morning, we would appreciate your help with the following:

- Ensure that your child arrives between 8:50am- 9am. Class begins at 9am.
- Ensure your child has everything with them for the day ahead e.g. school-bag, snack/lunch/ water bottle, homework folder, swimming kit.

We would also encourage parents to send in any further completed flu vaccination forms or data collection forms.

Hair Care

Parents are advised to please check hair regularly, and treat as necessary.

A range of treatments are available, including wet combing with a fine comb, lotions from pharmacies, and electric combs. Pharmacists can advise. **Repeating** the treatment is essential to break the cycle.

If you need any further advice or information you can contact the School Nurse Service, at 25313160.

Your help with these matters is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Principal.