



Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration

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Dear Parents,

As we begin this new term, I hope you all have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year and have enjoyed time with your families and friends.

ADMISSIONS for SEPTEMBER 2024

On the 11th January 2024, we will hold our Nursery and Primary 1 Open Evening for prospective parents and children for the academic year 2024-25. Applications for Nursery and P1 will be made online via EA Connect. Applications opened on Tuesday 9th January and will close at midday on Friday 26th January 2024. Information regarding school admissions criteria, key dates as well supporting documentation will also be found on the website.

Parents should ensure they upload a copy of their child's birth certificate, proof of address and evidence of eldest child criteria with their application. Parents will be notified on 25th April 2024 of the outcome of their application.

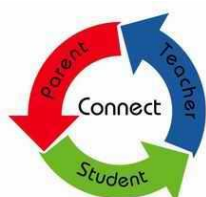
If you know of a new parent in the area or family members who may be interested in applying for a place at Braidside, information may be shared accordingly. Thank you in advance. In addition, if there is a parent/ family who have been unable to attend the Open Evening please make a call to the school office to arrange a visit or answer any queries if necessary.

STRIKE ACTION

We have been informed by the main teaching unions in Northern Ireland of strike action which will take place on **Thursday 18th January 2024**. You may also be aware of strike action taking place on the same day in other sectors as well. A risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the full day strike.

It has been concluded that the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 18th January 2024. School will operate as usual on Friday 19th January 2024.

PARENT INTERVIEWS



During this half-term we will hold Parent Interviews to allow parents to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss pupil progress. Parents will soon receive information regarding Parent Interviews (including reply slip) which have been scheduled for the afternoons (1.15- 3pm) **of Monday 5th February, Tuesday 6th February, Wednesday 7th February and Thursday 8th February.**

Parent Interviews will be in-person and we appreciate your assistance in ensuring interviews run in a timely and punctual manner. Interviews are scheduled for 10 mins.

To facilitate interviews, school will end on each of these days at 1pm for all pupils. Children will have their lunch in school as usual but should be collected at 1pm, to allow teachers to begin meetings promptly. Transport **will be available** on these dates and those who travel on the school buses will be collected at 1pm from the school. We are grateful our transport providers for their help in this matter and to parents for your cooperation.



P7 TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSION

At the end of this month, the transfer procedure will also begin for our P7 parents and children. There will be an **Information Session for parents on Wednesday 24th January 2024 @ 3pm in the School**

Assembly Hall to give relevant information on the procedure and timeframe. I would encourage all P7 parents to attend. Parents will also have the opportunity to have an interview with the principal if required; letters with further details will be issued in due course.

Please continue to check the school website for any letters, updates and key dates on the school calendar.

Some Dates for your Diary

Nursery and P1 Open Evening Thurs 11th January @ 6:30pm (Nursery- booking required), 7pm-Primary 1 (EA Connect opens 9th Jan and closes 26th Jan 2024)

SEAG Assessment Outcomes for P7 pupils: 27th January 2024

Children's Mental Health Week : Mon 5th- Thurs 8th February

Safer Internet Day: Tues 6th Feb

Staff Development Day: Friday 9th February (only staff to attend)

Half-term holidays: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024 (inclusive)

Individual/ family Photographs: 4th and 5th March.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to a busy but exciting term ahead!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J McAuley', followed by a horizontal line.

Principal