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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to rest and enjoy the time with friends and family.

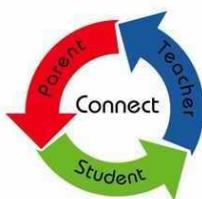
### **OPEN ENROLMENT 2020-21**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, we held our Nursery and Primary 1 Open Day for prospective parents and children for the academic year 2020-21. As with last year, applications for Nursery and P1 will be made online using the Citizen Portal on the Education Authority website ([www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)). Applications opened on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January and will close at midday on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Information regarding school admissions criteria, key dates as well supporting documentation will also be found on the website.

Parents have until the midday on 7<sup>th</sup> February to provide a copy of their child's birth certificate and any other documentation to their first preference school. Parents will be notified by letter on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 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, please share this information accordingly. Given this is still a relatively new process, we are happy to assist parents with their applications. Thank you in advance.

### **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 will be offered on the afternoon of ***Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.***

Due to ongoing industrial action by a number of teacher unions, it is necessary to hold these interviews during the school day. Therefore, 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 EA/ Etherson's bus will be collected at 1pm from the school. We are grateful to the EA and Etherson's 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 begin for our P7 parents and children. There will be an **Information Session for parents on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 @ 7pm in the School Assembly Hall** to give relevant information on the process and to provide parents with individual packs containing Transfer forms and supporting documents. We 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.



### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the next few weeks, our school website will continue to be updated with key events and activities for this term. We would encourage parents to visit the website ([www.braidside.co.uk](http://www.braidside.co.uk)) and School Facebook page regularly, to keep up to date with newsletters, school information and events. As we move forward newsletters, etc can be found on the website and we will be limiting the letters sent home.

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

Yours faithfully,

*J McAuley*

Half-term holidays: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (inclusive)