



Tobermore Primary School



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Principal: Mr. Ian Cheevers

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are well rested and that you all had a fun-filled summer break. It was great to see all our children return to school on Tuesday 30th August and it was especially great to see our new Year 1 pupils and pupils who have joined us from other schools becoming part of our school community. Everyone is very welcome and we are excited for the year ahead.

Please find some information below regarding arrangements for the Term 1.

School Start and End Times

Starting Times

- School will begin at 8:50 am on Tuesday 30th August for all pupils.
- Year 1 pupils will enter school by the door beside Mrs Speers' room for the first week and other arrangements for Year 1 will be made for the following week.
- Pupils from Year 2 to Year 7 will come into school via the main entrance.

Ending Times

- School will end for Year 1 pupils at 12:00pm until 16th September. Pupils will be collected at Mrs Speers' door at 12:00pm until 16th September. Year 1 pupils will then stay to 2:00pm from Monday 19th September.
- School will end for Year 2 pupils at 2:00pm.
- School will end for Year 3 pupils at 3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. School will end for Year 3 pupils at 2:00pm on Thursday and Friday.
- School will end at 3:00pm for Year 4 to Year 7 pupils.

School Uniform

The school is very proud of its children; it is proud to see them in school uniform and insists that all children wear it every day. **All pupils are permitted to wear plain navy trousers only.** Your child will not be allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms with logos on them.

***** Please also ensure that all parts of school uniform are labelled with your child's name *****

Boys	Girls	PE Kit
A blue polo-shirt A navy sweatshirt with crest Navy trousers	A blue polo-shirt A navy sweatshirt with crest Navy trousers, a navy skirt or pinafore White or navy socks	A blue polo-shirt Navy (unlabelled) tracksuit bottoms or navy (unlabelled) shorts Tracksuit Bottoms and shorts can only be worn on P.E. days

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WARM/WATERPROOF COAT WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

If for any reason that your child is unable to wear full school uniform or PE uniform to school, a note must be given to your child's teacher with an explanation.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to pupils from children in Year 1 to Year 7 and will run daily from 8:20am to 8:50am. Breakfast will be charged at 80p per pupil, per day and is payable a week in advance.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome Mr Hunter and Ms Henderson to the staff. Mr Hunter will be teaching our Year 2 and Year 3 classroom and Ms Henderson will be working as a classroom assistant in Year 4 and Year 5. Mrs Henderson (Miss O'Neill) will continue her role in Year 6 and Year 7, providing principal release for Mr Cheevers.



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School Holidays

School holidays for the incoming year are available on the school website. Please ensure that holidays are booked outside of these dates.

Healthy Snack

As a school, we have a duty to ensure that there is a healthy eating policy in school and that pupils are adhering to it. Pupils should have a healthy snack with them each day for their break. Lunch boxes should also be healthy.

Dinner Money and Menu

Dinners continue to cost £2.60. If you feel you are entitled to FSM, please apply for these through the Education Authority website, even if your child does not intend to avail of this.

Please ensure that dinners are paid at the beginning of the week. The dinner menu can be found on the school website and we have sent a copy home with your child.

SeeSaw

Every classroom will be using SeeSaw this year to communicate with parents, display work that has been completed in the classroom and show pictures of activities. A letter will be sent home with your child this week with further information about SeeSaw.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are hoping to start Extra Curricular activities in the next couple of weeks. We hope to offer a variety of clubs to all of our children. Please keep an eye on our school website for additional information.

PE

Your child's teacher will provide you with information about your child's PE day and what they will wear for PE via SeeSaw.

Homework

Homework will begin on Monday 5th September. Each teacher will send work home which may consist of reading, mental maths, written work, spellings or number facts depending on your child's age.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office and leave a message on the automated answering service. Please then complete an absence form, which can be downloaded from the school website or one will be provided by your child's teacher.

Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop will begin on Friday 2nd September for all pupils. For the month of September, we are going to limit Tuck Shop purchases to **50 pence per pupil**. This will be reviewed and parents will be notified in October.

I look forward to working with you over the next academic year and I wish you well for the new school year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Ian Cheevers

(Principal)