

# LISBURN CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

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*Dear Parent*

*Welcome back to our new term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This is a very busy term with lots of activities and trips arranged for the children. Thankfully, we have been able to relax a lot of the restrictions in school this term and it is good to see a degree of normality return.*

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## Recent Covid Guidelines for School

The Department of Education has recently informed schools of the following guidelines:

- Close contacts of a case, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, will not be advised to isolate or take a test. Instead they will be asked to be alert for any symptoms of COVID-19 and, if they arise, to take a lateral flow test.
- There is no change to the guidance on isolation for people who test positive - return to school after a negative lateral flow test on day 6.
- PCR testing is no longer recommended for people with or without symptoms. The main public testing sites have closed.
- People with symptoms are instead being advised to self-isolate and take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test. If this is negative they can return to work or school.
- The NI Contact Tracing Service (CTS) will contact people who register a positive LFD test on gov.uk, but they will no longer seek information on their wider community contacts.
- People who live in the same household as a positive case will not be advised to take a test. Instead they will be asked to be alert for any symptoms of COVID-19 and if they arise to take a lateral flow test.
- If a staff member or pupil is identified as a household close contact, the advice to them on testing and self-isolation will be the same whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated. They can attend school and do not need to take a test unless symptomatic.

## Daily Mile - 10th Birthday Celebrations





## Football Tournaments

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*The boys football team took part in their first football tournament yesterday in over two years. We were very pleased and proud of their performance. They won two of their matches. Well done to all the boys who took part.*

*The Girls will also be taking part in Lisburn Primary School's Girls' Cup later in May. Further information will follow.*

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## School Fund

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*School Fund is now due for this term. We would request payment of £5 per pupil. This will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment for the playground. We are very fortunate to have the outdoor space around the school and we would like to develop this further for the children.*

*Payment can be made through Schoolmoney.*

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## New Play equipment

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*We received some funding last term from the Department of Education for outdoor play equipment. We have been able to use this to purchase some resources for both the Nursery and the Primary school.*

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## Car Park

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*Please do not walk through the staff car park in the mornings when bringing your child to school. Staff may be arriving through the front entrance so it is dangerous for children to be in this area.*

*We would also ask that at home time you DO NOT allow your children to run around the dining hall area and through the staff car park as again cars may be coming or going and this is too dangerous.*

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## Music Exams

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*Congratulations to two of our P.7 pupils (Matthew and Charlotte) who both completed Grade 1 music exams in Clarinet. Both pupils got a distinction. Very well done!*

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## School Money Payments

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*Reminder that payments need to be made in advance and accounts should not go into arrears. If you have any issues booking on or with payments please contact Mrs Bishop at reception. Dinners should be booked in advance as the system closes at midnight on Sunday for the following week. Free school meals must also be booked online.*

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## PTF Meeting - 3rd May 2022

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*A PTF Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:00pm. Discussions will include fundraising for the summer term. Please come along and share your ideas.*

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## After School Clubs

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### ***PAID CLUBS- started this week***

***Monday*** - Activity NI Science Club

***Wednesday*** - Burns Football

***Thursday*** - Activity NI Multisports

***Friday*** - Burns Dance

***TEACHER LED CLUBS (P.4 - P.7)- These will run for 6 weeks only beginning on 9th May and will be limited to 20 pupils.***

*Further information will follow shortly.*

***Tuesday*** - AQE Club for P.6 pupils only

***Wednesday*** - Athletics (P.5 - P.7)

**Thursday** - Gardening Club (P.4/P.5 only)

**Thursday** - Football (P.5-P.7 only)

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## Lisburn Fun Run - 22nd June

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*Lisburn Fun Run takes place on 22nd June. A letter will follow next week. Please complete if you would like to participate as part of Lisburn Central Primary School team.*

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## Dates for the Diary

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- **2nd May** School Closed: Bank Holiday
  - **3rd May** PTF Meeting
  - **21st May** P.7 Pupils notified of post primary schools
  - **26th- 27th May** Photographer in school
  - **31st May** Jubilee Celebrations in school
  - **1st June** Staff Training Day
  - **2nd - 3rd June** School closed Jubilee Bank holiday
  - **7th June** Sport's Day
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