



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall Parent Information - January 2023

OPEN ENROLMENT 2023-2024:

Primary One September 2023: Children born on or between 2 July 2018 & 1 July 2019.

Nursery September 2023: Target Age: Children born on or between 2 July 2019 & 1 July 2020.

Under Age: Children born on or between 2 July 2020 & 1 July 2021.

The EA Application Process for applying for Pre-School & Primary 1 new admissions is an online system. The online portal <https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions> is now open and will close at 12noon on **Friday 27th January 2023**. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time. Supporting Documentation should be uploaded to the Admissions Portal by 4pm on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

ADMISSION TO POST PRIMARY EDUCATION 2023-2024:

The EA Application Process for applying for a Post-Primary place is also an online system. School Admissions Criteria can now be found on the online portal <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> and the online application will open on at 12noon on Wednesday 1st February 2023 and close at 4pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PREPARATION:

Catholic Schools week is 22nd – 29th January 2023, on the theme 'Living Life to the Full'. The children will be completing activities in school during this week.

Wednesday 25th January, is our Grandparents' Morning beginning with Mass in the St Mary's Church at 10.00am. followed by tea/coffee in St Mary's Primary School Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome to visit their grandchildren in their classes. This has always been a lovely morning in school and we hope everyone will be able to be represented. (letters & invites have been sent home with the children regarding this)

SCHOOL UNIFORM & OUTDOOR CLOTHING:

Can everyone please make sure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name and class? Please ensure your child brings a coat (with hood or a hat) to school every day. We often walk to Mass or complete lessons outdoors regardless of the weather. Children can wear a fleece during class if they wish.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In the interests of everyone's safety can we please ask all adults and children to:-

- **use the small gate when going to and from school and not to use the car park gate at any time;**
- **use the front door when going to and from school if there is snow or ice and not go across the main playground.**

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GATE

It is very important that everyone remembers not to park on the yellow lines outside the small gate at any time! The markings are there to help keep everyone safe and we really don't want anyone to have an accident.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES:

Just a little reminder that 'Healthy Lunch Box Day' is every day. It is great to see many children bringing fruit yoghurts, jelly, custard and fruit instead of chocolate snacks or crisps. Children can bring a small treat in their lunchbox on a Friday.

WATER IN SCHOOL:

All children are encouraged to drink water during the school day and drinking water is available in all classrooms. Some children already bring in their own bottle, please ensure that it is filled with water only, diluted juice or fizzy drinks are not allowed. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school every day.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

Should you wish to raise a concern about the welfare of any child at the school the procedures which should be followed are attached.

CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER:

Hopefully this will not happen but if it does everyone will be sent a text message from the school or information will be posted on the BBC NI News/School Closures website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>. We will also post updates on our Website and Facebook pages.

ST MARY'S PS & NURSERY WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES:

Please remember to check out our Website: www.stmaryspscushendall.com & Facebook page for updates, photographs, dinner menus and all information regarding St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February	Mid Term Break PS & Nursery Unit Closed <i>(please note on Friday 10th February PS will close at 1.00pm & there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session)</i>
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th March	Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
Tuesday 28th March	First Confessions at 1.00pm – Primary 3
Friday 7th April – Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays <i>(please note on Thursday 6th April PS will close at 11.00am & there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session)</i>
Monday 1st – Friday 5th May	May Holiday
Saturday 13th May	First Holy Communion at 11.00am– Primary 4
Thursday 25th May	Confirmation at 1.00pm– Primary 7
Friday 30th June	Last day of School / Nursery for the 22-23 school year.

Mrs Helen Magee
Principál

HOW A PARENT CAN REGISTER A CONCERN / MAKE A COMPLAINT

