



Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY.

Snacks are 30p a day.

SNACK SEPT £6.60

OCT £5.10

Money should be sent into school on a Monday for the week ahead or month ahead. It is easier if money is paid for the month ahead.

123 CLUB P1 - P3 (SEPT/OCTOBER)

If you have not already filled in a form please collect one from the school office and return it to school accompanied by the money due as soon as possible. The children will be kept apart within the club as much as possible to prevent class bubbles mixing. The tables and surfaces are all cleaned down before the club commences. This club can be paid for with cash, childcare vouchers or a separate cheque (not to be included with dinner money please).

All cheques should be made payable to 'Woods Primary School'. We are registered with Employers for Childcare, Sodexo, Care 4 and Busy Bees childcare vouchers.

Please note that if your child enrolls for a particular day it is every day in the session e.g. every Monday.

HEADPHONES FOR COMPUTER USE IN P3-7 £5 not £3 as previously noted. If you have already sent in £3 for a set of headphones you should now send in a further £2, otherwise if you prefer to provide your own headphones with your child's name clearly on them we can refund the £3 previously paid. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15-8.45am

Where? In the school hall or outside in the playground weather permitting

£1 a day

Vouchers can be used as payment or correct CASH.

We will try where possible to maintain class bubbles in the club and practice social distancing. Surfaces will be cleaned before and after the club.



As we commence a new school year in challenging times we want to welcome back all of our returning pupils and give a warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us in P1 and other classes. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable learning experience with us and settle quickly into life at Woods Primary.

We want to thank all of our support staff and teachers for getting the school ready for the new school year. We have been able to implement the new arrangements for COVID19 quickly and the children are settling well into their new routine.

STAFFING

Miss McQuillan will continue to teach the P7 class each Monday to Wednesday alongside Mrs Bell who will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. Miss McQuillan will be timetabled for P2 on a Thursday for term 1 to enable Mrs Milliken to carry out VP/SENCO duties. We also welcome some new support staff who help to keep our children on task and carry out essential cleaning duties throughout the day.

WE ARE AIMING TO BE A 'NUT FREE' SCHOOL



WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO HAVE NUT ALLERGIES ENROLLED IN OUR SCHOOL. THEREFORE, WE WOULD ASK ALL FAMILIES TO HELP US TO PREVENT ANY INCIDENTS OF SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTION.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN BOXES USED FOR CEREALS CONTAINING NUTS FOR CRAFT ETC. DO NOT SEND ANY NUTELLA OR NUT CONTAINING FOODS IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX.

WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU ONLY PACK ITEMS THAT YOUR CHILD CAN EAT INDEPENDENTLY IN SCHOOL. E.G. IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO PEEL OR CUT UP CHILDREN'S APPLES.

NEW ROUTINE

We are all adjusting to our new school routine including staggered playtimes and extra regular handwashing/sanitising. The children have all been fantastic and are settling back into the new routine at WOODS PS very well.

We are monitoring the morning drop off and feel that we will be able to return to the usual 9am start time from Monday 14 September. We just need to stress the importance of socially distancing between families at drop off and pick up times. Please continue to use the same entrance and exit points. We thank all parents for wearing a mask when entering our building for pre-arranged appointments.

Please also be aware that when dealing with a positive case within the school community we may be asked by the Public Health Agency for contact details of children within the identified bubble for tracking and tracing purposes. Therefore, please ensure that you have provided school with the most up-to-date contact details. Contact the school office to update details ASAP if this applies. If you have any issues with this information sharing for the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 please contact Mrs White.

IF YOUR CHILD PLANS TO SIT THE RAINEY SCHOOL ENTRANCE TEST ON 30 JANUARY 2021 THEN PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL IS 2.00 PM ON FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2020. VISIT THE RAINEY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN ONLINE 'Snapchat and Social Media'

An increasing number of pupils are indicating that they have access to, or regularly use of, social media platforms such as SNAPCHAT and/or FACEBOOK. We would like to remind parents/guardians that these platforms are **'AGE RESTRICTED'** and it is the view of the school that they **SHOULD NEVER** be used by any primary school aged pupil. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to be fully aware of what their child is doing 'online.' Should instances of online bullying and abuse be reported to the school by concerned parents we will follow school procedures if this impacts on individuals in our school community. We will also advise parents of how to report the incident to the appropriate authorities. It is up to you to keep your child safe from internet bullying while at home. We suggest you could use the following 5 measures to ensure that you can monitor your child's mobile phone to ensure their safety ...

- (1) Agree that you can have access to their phone whenever you want...Check the phone at least 3 times per week.
- (2) Make sure you know what apps they are using (age appropriate) and know all their passwords for these apps.
- (3) Look for and monitor the history of their calls, messages, contacts, web-sites visited and pictures taken.
- (4) No child needs their phone after 8:30pm or before 8:30am....and definitely NO CHILD NEEDS THEIR PHONE IN THEIR BEDROOM OVERNIGHT.
- (5) At all times talk to your child regarding the dangers of social media.... Remember 1 out of 5 children talk to a stranger every day through social media.

This is by no means to say that we agree with your child having access to social media, but if you choose to let your child avail of it, then these points just might help to keep your child safe.

Please ensure that your child does not send Youtube videos to any member of staff.

TEACHER DIFFICULTIES WITH CHANGE



Getting correct change for children to take home or send to other classes is always a problem for teachers and valuable class time is being used trying to balance class registers. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could adhere to the following as far as possible:

- It is essential, if at all possible, that the correct money should be sent to each child's own class teacher.
- Dinner money is payable each Monday for the number of meals you wish your child to have that week or for the month (This money is lodged each Monday afternoon).
- We would encourage the use of personal cheques (**made out to 'Education Authority, Southern Region'**) in payment for dinner and snack money. These can be included on one cheque but we would ask that each child has their own cheque/cash payment to be presented to their classroom teacher. **The use of cheques and payment of monies on a monthly basis has proved to be very successful.** If you wish to pay for the whole month please send in a note to your child's teacher detailing which days dinner is to be taken. This will only work if you are paying for **the month in advance**. NO CREDIT CAN BE GIVEN AS THE SCHOOL MUST PAY FOR THE DINNERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.
- However, if due to unforeseen circumstances, money is brought in during the week please ensure that the **correct** amount is sent as it is very difficult for us to provide change after the Monday lodgment.
- **All money should be in an envelope with the child's name and money details on the outside.** Envelopes are available from the school office at a cost of £2.50 for 40 envelopes.

COMMUNICATION WITH ALL PARENTS

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES. **TO HELP KEEP YOU INFORMED OF CHANGES WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOOL WEB DESIGN PRIVATE MESSAGING APP SERVICE.**

Find attached a consent form to be completed. This will mean you will be alerted when something new has been added to the website and the school will be able to send you emails instead of paper letters/NEWSLETTERS. PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED CONSENT ASAP.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE

If your child is returning to school after an absence a parent **must send in an email** stating the reason why his/her child was absent to: info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk or send a message to the teacher via SEESAW APP.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children are looking really well in their uniform and we want to remind everyone that black footwear should be worn daily. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards in behaviour and attitude to school. We would remind all parents to name each item of uniform and coats to avoid confusion and help to prevent loss

We have some 'like new' uniform items available for anyone wanting a spare change for their child - **£2 donation per item to School Funds**. Please send in the reply slip with the item and size required and we will be in touch with what we have available.

MUSIC SERVICE

The EA Music Service are planning for music tutors to restart lessons in flute/clarinet/violin during week commencing 28 September. They are aware that parents are waiting on their refund from term 3 April-June and will inform schools ASAP of the amount to refund each child. There is no confirmation of charges for the Autumn term. **Please complete the music reply slip if your child wishes to continue or commence lessons in school for the first time.**

P1 PARENTS
SEPTEMBER HOME TIMES

We are delighted to see how independent our new P1 children are at walking to their classroom by themselves. Remember there will always be a member of staff at the door from 8.45 am to 9.00 am, when the bell rings for classes to commence, to ensure your child's safety. If your child arrives after 9.00 am they should be **brought into school** and signed in at the school office.

Parents of P1 children please remember that your child will be staying in school until **12.15pm until Friday 25 September**. From Monday 28 September children will stay until 2pm each day and get picked up from the P1 Fire Exit Door. If any travel arrangements have changed since filling out the data form please let Mrs Gardiner know.

CHILD PROTECTION UP-DATE

PLEASE NOTE: To comply with our up-dated Safeguarding school policy no child should bring a mobile phone/electronic toys into school.

However, if you feel there is an occasion that it is necessary for your child to bring a phone into school it **MUST** be given to the class teacher and collected at the end of the school day.

We would also remind all parents to make sure that their children do not bring toys or special belongings to school as we do not want items to go missing or get broken. Playground toys and equipment are provided for playtime for each class bubble and washed regularly. Thank you for your co-operation.

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO www.woodsprimaryschool.com

READ OUR UPDATED POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES AND INTIMATE CARE. We hope these updated policies will be easy for everyone to follow and acceptable to all. Any queries should be made in writing to Mrs White.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY

WE ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN TO KEEP HYDRATED DURING THE DAY SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH WATER IN A REUSABLE BOTTLE. WE WILL ALSO BE ENCOURAGING AS MUCH PHYSICAL PLAY OUTSIDE AS WE CAN, SO REMEMBER TO SEND A NAMED COAT TO SCHOOL FOR THE COOLER/RAINY DAYS.

RECYCLING

Thank you to everyone who has recycled textiles or clothing in our collection bank. We are also collecting used batteries for recycling. These can be placed in the collection box at the front entrance.



We would like to remind parents of the importance of your child reading at home. **Written homeworks should be signed by parents to show that you feel that your child has done their best.** It is important that children take special care of all reading books and/or textbooks sent home as these items cost money to replace and the budget is **especially limited** this year. Please ensure that you remember to send **in all books/textbooks** loaned to your family over lockdown as we cannot afford to replace missing books due to the restricted financial climate we are in at present.

We have set up all classes for the SEESAW APP and would encourage you to become familiar with this app as it will be used as a communication/teaching tool should a class or teacher have to self-isolate.

***** **REPLY SLIP** *****

P3-7 MONEY FOR HEADPHONES

I would like to buy a set of headphones for my child's personal use in school and enclose £5 (**or £2 if £3 already paid**).

Child's Name: _____ CLASS: _____ Parent Name: _____ Date: _____



WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL FUND ICT RESOURCES

The Department of Education do not fund Mathematics or Accelerated Reader in schools. However, we know that both programmes have been used in our school for some time and both have had a positive impact on our children's progress in Literacy and Numeracy. We want to continue to have access to these educational programmes but to do so require a parental contribution.

- P4 - 6 Child £15 PER CHILD
- P7 Child £10 (The DE have funded IXL for P7 therefore Mathematics will not be used in P7 this year).

I enclose £ _____ contribution

Signed _____ (Parent) _____ (Date)

P7 PARENT INTERVIEWS (15 & 16 OCTOBER 2020)

In the interests of safety for everyone we would like to offer P7 parents a telephone interview to take place on the above dates. However, if you feel that you require a face to face meeting parents attending must wear a face covering and use sanitizer on arrival inside the building. Social distancing will be essential and a one way system will be in operation. Please complete and return the reply below stating times you are not available. We will plan to start telephone calls at 9am and finish at 4pm.

Thursday 15 October 2020 ☐ _____

Friday 16 October 2020 ☐ _____



Thank you in advance for helping us to all stay safe.

Signed _____ (Parent) _____
(Date)

COMMENTS:

Please give details of any days/times which are unsuitable for you and we will try to accommodate you.

MUSIC SERVICE REPLY - Please return to school by 25 September 2020.

☐ I do /do not (delete as appropriate) want my child _____ (insert name and class) to continue to receive music lessons in school.

☐ I would like my child (insert name) _____ to be considered as a new start for _____ (Insert strings or woodwind) music lessons in school.

☐ I understand that if my child is allocated a space on the programme he/she will have to commit to one year of participation in the programme. I agree to pay all fees associated with lessons (usually £100 approx.) but no fees have been agreed for this year 2020/21.

Signed: _____ (Parent) Date: _____

