



OMAGH INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience and cooperation over the first couple of weeks in our new school. As we continue the 'settling-in' period I ask your further cooperation as we 'tweak' procedures and routines to ensure your child's, and indeed your own, safety and security within the school environment.

I would ask you to note the following points:

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

We realise that parking space is at a premium during the busy drop-off and pick-up times so ask for your patience and courtesy to other road users to ensure everyone's safety.

The school and traffic flow has been designed around a 'Drop and Go' concept so we want to encourage parents/carers to leave their children at the designated entry points and **let children make their way into school themselves** (other than Y1 & 2's at this stage). Parents do not need to walk their children to the hall or classrooms in the mornings either for Breakfast Club or Classroom drop-off. This will assist us greatly in relation to safeguarding your children.

- **ALL TRAFFIC MUST TURN IMMEDIATELY LEFT** upon entering the school and proceed either to the main car park and exiting from there or follow the main road round to drop-off children at the outside entrances. This also includes NURSERY drop-off (...the straight ahead arrow on the signage is incorrect).
- Please **DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK**
- Footpaths are for pedestrians whether adults or children, so please do not park on them.
- **ZEBRA CROSSINGS** – It's taking some parents a little time to get used to the zebra crossings and there have been a few 'close shaves' when cars have driven across them when children and adults are trying to cross so...

PLEASE GIVE PEDESTRIANS PRIORITY AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS.

We also want to develop good habits in the children who have been told at assembly that they must cross the roads using the zebra crossings. We need you, as adults, to lead by example and make sure you use and encourage your children to use the zebra crossings.

Again, there have been several occasions when parents have walked onto the road with their children instead of using the crossing. It may seem a little inconvenient for you to use the crossing, especially if you're in a hurry, but you'll be giving your child an invaluable lesson in road safety.

- Please DO NOT PARK IN THE DESIGNATED BUS PARKING BAYS or DISABLED SPACES (unless displaying a valid permit). Please also be aware that you may be blocking someone if you are using the 'set-down' bay in front of disabled spaces. Likewise, please avoid stopping on the road itself as it will cause an obstruction to other road users.

SCHOOL STARTING TIME – ACCESS AFTER 8.45am

It is taking us all a little time to get used to the earlier starting time but we appreciate your cooperation so far. ***From next Monday 24th September the side entrance gates will close at 8.45am*** and pupils arriving after this time will have to enter through the front entrance and register with Mrs McElduff in the office before proceeding to their classroom.

Pupils using the Breakfast Club may enter the school from 8.00am whilst all other pupils may enter the school at 8.30am and go straight to the assembly hall where they will be collected by their teachers.

- **SCHOOL MEALS & BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our new kitchen staff are producing excellent food for everyone in the school and there has been a significant rise in the number of pupils taking meals at lunchtime. The Breakfast Club is also proving very popular with the children and we encourage you to use both facilities as we enter the colder days of autumn.

Thank you again for your patience as we adapt to our new surroundings which inevitably bring changes to what you would previously have been used to in the old school. I assure you that everything we do and any adaptations to procedures that we make, are in the interests of the children and yourself.



A Bradley
Principal