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## EDUCATION AUTHORITY



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Dear Parent

Welcome back to the start of a new school term and we hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter and hopefully the weather will have allowed for your children to be outside and to have enjoyed the opportunity to play and relax. The third term is primarily an important teaching term and we seek your continued support with regard to the *attendance, punctuality, uniform, behaviour and completion of homework* of all the pupils at Harding Memorial Primary School. Parent/Guardians have been previously informed in Harding Memorial Primary School documentation of the clearly outlined school standards for pupils regarding jewellery and hairstyles. From a Health & Safety point of view we would also request that children do not wear "hoop ear-rings" to school. A stud would be considered appropriate. In addition we request that children do not wear rings in school as the associated problems with the removal of a ring after a playground accident is a matter of concern for the school. Finally please remember that extreme or attention-seeking hairstyles are not suitable for Harding Memorial Primary School. I am most appreciative of support from parents in relation to our Uniform and School Appearance Policies as I fully appreciate the complexities of this in light of all the current restrictions.

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**

**VISIT NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/ CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.**

### YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

#### A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

#### A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

#### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

## COVID INFECTION CONTROL REMINDER

We may appear "fussier about this than normal", especially for working parents, but we ask for your patience and understanding in advance during these most challenging of times. Please do not send your Child/Children to Harding Memorial Primary School if they are unwell, **particularly if they have any covid symptoms.**

- **High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – Stay at home, isolate and book a test. <https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>**
- **Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.**
- **Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.**

Where a child has been in school it is essential that Parents inform the School Principal by email immediately if he / she becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or is being tested, even if the result ends up being negative. It is very important that we have the most up-to-date contact details for parents and carers especially if we need to contact you during the school day. **If during this period of sustained lockdown, you have changed your mobile number, email address or home address we ask that you email Mrs Shannon in the School Office with your updated contact information.**

➤ **The Harding Memorial Primary School building is closed to all visitors except our Children, Staff and Essential Visiting Workers.**

➤ **All School Parent/Guardians will be actively discouraged from entering our School Building as a means of preventing spread of the virus.**

➤ **Instead we encourage communication by either telephoning the school 90458040 or by emailing [info@hardingmemorial.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@hardingmemorial.belfast.ni.sch.uk)**

The joyful faces of our children before Easter as they were re-united with Friends and School Staff speaks volumes of the fabulous “job” you did with them at home – thank you. You have supported our pupils really well throughout Lockdown, prepared them for return, encouraged them in their learning, equipped them to be resilient and helped them on their way to become independent learners. We are delighted to have welcomed all the children back to school before Easter. They settled in well and got back into their normal school routines really quickly. Hopefully there will be no more disruptions and we can have a normal school Third Term. We would like to thank all Harding Memorial Primary School Parent/Guardians in advance for their support in these matters of school administration. Each term in school is extremely busy with all the peripheral events and this term promises to be as hectic as ever. We will attempt to inform you of as many as possible, providing further details as they become available.

### **School Organisational Arrangements for Pupils and Adults**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Future Event</b>
➤ Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	School will be closed for the Bank Holiday
➤ Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Summer Half Term Holiday
➤ Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Summer Half Term Holiday
➤ Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	School will be closed for the Bank Holiday
➤ Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	Summer Half Term Holiday
➤ Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Development Day – Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
➤ Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Development Day – Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
➤ Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School Development Day – Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
➤ Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	School Development Day – Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Last day of the Summer Term - Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 with 12.15pm stop