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## EDUCATION AUTHORITY



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Dear Parent

We have had a good start to the School Third Term with all our Pupils, Parents and Staff returning to their traditional working routines. We acknowledge that it will take some children more time than others to build up the stamina for the normal school week but hopefully all our children are enjoying being back playing with their friends. As each day passes life is slowly returning to normal at Harding Memorial Primary School but we should be aware that this will be a gradual process of change and I would encourage all School Stakeholders to adhere to our ongoing procedures to limit the impact of Covid within our school community. We have been very fortunate that during this school year we have managed to avoid any classes being required to self-isolate. We now have dates from the NI Executive which should allow us all to enjoy time with friends and family as well as visit places we haven't been in a long time. However, we can't be complacent as logic and experience indicates that the greater the amount of contact – the greater chance of potential covid exposure. **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.**

## COVID INFECTION CONTROL REMINDER

- **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 by email immediately if they becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or are being tested, even if the result is 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.**

### Positive Behaviour Scheme - Harding Hero for Co-operation

The *Harding Hero* Scheme is used to reinforce and promote Positive Behaviour amongst all the pupils at our school. The aim of this scheme is to create an atmosphere in which the pupils are encouraged to develop a sense of self-esteem and an awareness of the needs of others. The new theme for the Harding Hero Scheme is Co-operation e.g. working together as a team, sharing play equipment, helping people in your class and building relationships.





## **School Holiday List For The Academic Year = 2021/2022**

Please note that Family holidays cannot be deemed to be an agreed, authorised absence except in very exceptional circumstances: (DE Circular 2006/14)

- “A family holiday is judged to be important to the wellbeing and cohesion of the family, following serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic events.”

### ✓ **First Day of School**

School will start for P2 to P7 pupils on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 with school stopping for all pupils at 12.15pm (No School Dinners)

### ✓ **Half Term Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### ➤ **School Development Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

Harding Memorial Primary School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

### ✓ **Christmas Holiday**

School is closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

### ✓ **Spring Term**

School starts on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### ➤ **School Development Days - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Harding Memorial Primary School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

### ✓ **Spring Half Term Holiday**

School is closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### ✓ **St Patrick's Day**

School is closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### ➤ **School Development Day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Harding Memorial Primary School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

### ✓ **Easter Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

### ✓ **Summer Term**

Summer term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### ✓ **May Day Holiday**

School is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### ✓ **Summer Half Term Holiday**

School is closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

### ➤ **School Development Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Harding Memorial Primary School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

### ➤ **School Development Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Harding Memorial Primary School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

**End of Summer Term – The last day of the Summer Term is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**