

MULLAGLASS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Planned Strike Action by Teaching Unions on 21st February

As you may be aware from recent media coverage there is to be planned Industrial Action by Teachers' Unions from midnight 20th February until mid-day on Tuesday 21st February. This will be in the form of a strike.

After careful consideration, **I can inform parents that Mullaglass Primary School will be open to all pupils on the morning of 21st February and throughout the day. Parents are to be advised that teaching may be impacted on the morning and classes may have to be joined for supervision purposes.** If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Attendance in School

As a school we closely monitor pupil attendance and working with the Education Authority through the Education Welfare Service (EWS) we have a legal duty to make sure that parents/carers meet their responsibility towards their children's education.

Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring that a child of compulsory school age attends school regularly.

If a pupil's attendance falls **below 85%**, the school is required to make a referral to the Educational Welfare Service (EWS). A referral will also be made to the EWS if a pupil's pattern of attendance gives cause for concern e.g. an unusually high number of Fridays off school. **Therefore, it is imperative for the school to be notified of any absences. It may be of use to keep any medical evidence as to why the child was absent from school.**

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place **Monday 6th March – Friday 10th March**. To help facilitate these, **all pupils will go home at 1:15pm throughout the week**. There will be no after school clubs during the week of Interviews. Breakfast Club will run as normal. Interviews will commence at 1:30pm each day. We will send out preferred days / times after the half-term break.

3-5pm Club

After parent consultation, we were able to extend 3-5pm club to run Tuesday – Thursday afternoons. Breakfast Club, 2-3pm and 3-5pm Club are all run to support families however these Clubs are run through

the school's own expenditure i.e. staff costs, food, resources etc. Whilst we appreciate that there isn't a need to use the club for lots of families, we would encourage, where possible, to support these clubs. Thank you in advance.

P6/7

Ms Russell will be off school from now until Wednesday 1st March. Please be assured that lessons and work have been planned for the few weeks Ms Russell will not be in school. Mrs Whitfield (P3 principal release teacher) and Mrs Henry will be teaching P6/7 and both are familiar faces to the pupils.

AQE

P6 pupils have already started their AQE preparation over the last few weeks. There will be a parent meeting on Friday 3rd March at 1:30pm for any P6 parent who would like to find out a little more information regarding AQE and support provided by the school.

Parent Toddler Group - MULLATOTS

We are delighted to offer a Parent Toddler Group called MULLATOTS to the community. This will commence on Tuesday 7th March from 9am – 10am in the School Hall and will be run by the school. This is for children between 0-4 years of age and is **free!** Please come along for the hour and feel free to invite friends whose children do not currently attend the school.

Female Fitness Class

After the successful female fitness class at Mullaglass Primary last year – we are delighted to announce that plans are in place for this to start up after half-term! More details to come in the next few weeks! We are currently discussing the possibility of starting a male fitness class after half-term too.

Upcoming Events

Please continue to refer to our school website calendar (www.mullaglassps.com) and Facebook page for upcoming events in school.

Mr Greenaway
Principal