

**March (1) 2022**

## **Advice on the Post-Primary Transfer Process for Parents of Children in P6**

As has been the practice over the last number of years the Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that parents receive timely information about the range of issues they need to take into account when making important decisions about the next stage in their child's education.

Previously a hard copy would have been provided for parents in January of their child's P6 year however this year the document will be available in electronic form only.

The document is available to download from the Department's website at the following link and I would be grateful if you could share this with P6 parents.

[The Transfer Process to Post Primary School - Advice for Parents of Children in Primary Six | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Parent Workshop Summary**

A paper copy summarising the recent Parent Workshop has been sent home with pupils today for your information.

## **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.**

A summary of the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy has been sent home with pupils today. The full policy is available on request from the school office.

## **Extended Day – Expression of Interest.**

During the parent workshop the option of offering an extended day was discussed. Please complete the google form via the link below before Friday 11 March.

<https://forms.gle/e4pFXuN1eaAMuTCp6>

## **World Book Day**

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend the day in school, in their pyjamas. The whole school enjoyed being together and sharing their favourite stories. Photos will be uploaded to our Facebook page, Parkgate Primary NI.

## **After School Clubs**

Both afterschool clubs will run as normal from next week onwards.

## **School Closure Reminder**

School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 17 March** for a School Development Day.

School will close for Easter break at **12pm** on **Friday 8 April** and reopen on **Monday 25 April** for Term 3.

## Community News – 1<sup>st</sup> Donegore Presbyterian Church

As a local church, 1<sup>st</sup> Donegore Presbyterian Church are giving the opportunity to make practical gifts of support to Ukrainians who are now refugees. Please note items sought and drop off times at the Church Hall below. Items gifted by Friday 4th March will be transported by Hope for Youth Ministries on Saturday 5th March. Gifts donated from Saturday 5th will be transported by Hope and a Future Charity. Thank you for your gifts of compassion.



**Collection for Ukraine**

1<sup>st</sup> Donegore Church  30 Main Street  
... here to show love in Jesus name Parkgate  
BT39 0DG

**Drop off at Church Hall  
Mon- Sat 12 noon to 6pm**

# Soap & shower gel	# Tinned food
# Toothpaste	# Tin openers
# Toothbrushes	# Baby food
# Wipes	Clothes (like new or new)
# Face cloths	~ babys
# Towels	~ childrens
# Sanitary products	# Pillow cases
# Paracetamol	# Sleeping bags

## Dates for your Diary

17.03.22	School Development Day – no pupils should attend.
05.04.22	Last Cookery Club session
06.04.22	Last Dance Club session
08.04.22	School closes at 12pm for all staff and pupils

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Principal