



# Welcome



Vítejte Witajcie Sveiki,  
Esiet sveicinati, Fáilte

St. Mary's Primary School  
Draperstown

*Learning Caring and Sharing Together*



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*Article 30: Children have the right to learn and use the language and customs of their families, whether these are shared by the majority of people in the country or*

# Our School Prayer



Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
help us to make our school a happy,  
caring and safe place where  
everyone can grow and learn in God's  
love.

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# Principal



My name is Ms Coyle

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school. We look forward to getting to know you over the coming years.

This Welcome Booklet has been drawn up to provide information that will help you during your settling -in period.

# Welcome

All children are welcome at St Mary's and their individual needs will be catered for.

We have families from a wide and varied selection of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

We enjoy celebrating diversity.

Our children speak a rich selection of languages including Irish, French, Polish Lithuanian, Czech and Slovakian.

Our school seeks to complement the home in promoting all aspects of learning and development.



## P1 and P2



My name is Mrs Kearney.  
I am the P1 teacher.

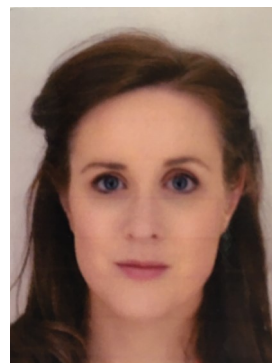


My name Mrs Devlin  
I m the P2 teachers

## P3 and P4



My name is Mrs Graham.  
I am the P3 teacher.



My name is Mrs Rogers.  
I am the P4 teacher

## P5, P6 and P7



My name is  
Mrs McCartney.  
I am the P5 teacher



My name is Mr Kearney.  
I am the P6 teacher

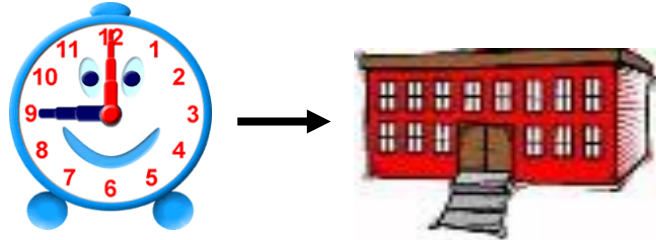
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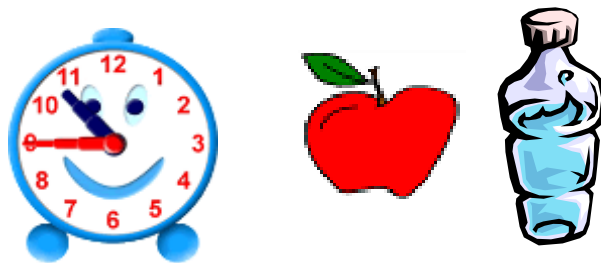
My name is Mr Brunton.  
I am the P7 teacher.

# My School Day

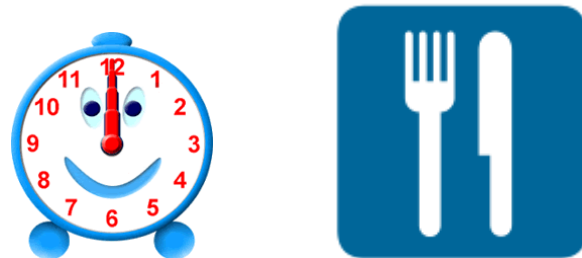
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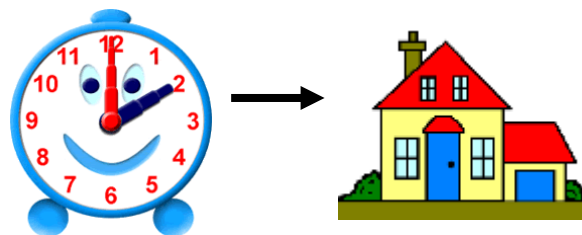
Break



Lunch



Home  
P1 & P2



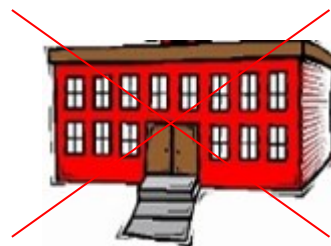
# School Holidays

## St. Mary's P.S. Draperstown School Holidays 2020/2021

|                                                 |                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020          | Staff In-Service                                        |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020: CLOSED    | Halloween Holidays                                      |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2020: CLOSED   | Halloween Holidays                                      |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020: CLOSED | Halloween Holidays                                      |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2020: CLOSED  | Halloween Holidays                                      |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020: CLOSED    | Halloween Holidays                                      |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020           | School closes 11:30am for Christmas                     |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021          | School <b>re-opens</b>                                  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021: CLOSED   | Mid-term Break                                          |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021           | School <b>re-opens</b>                                  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021           | School Closed                                           |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021           | School closes 11:30am for Easter Holidays               |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021              | School <b>re-opens</b>                                  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021: CLOSED         | Staff In-Service                                        |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021: CLOSED        | Staff In-service                                        |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021            | School closes 11:30am for Summer Holidays               |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021:       | School re-opens for all classes for the new school year |

Any changes to the above  
dates will be  
communicated through the  
Monday Letter

**School Closed**



# Secretary and Classroom Assistants



Kathy



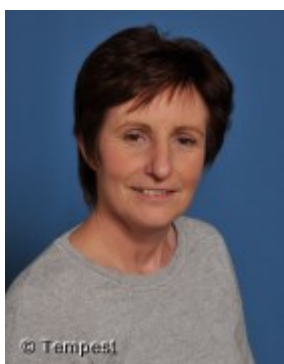
Shauna



Stella



Olive



Roisin



Sarah

# Outdoor Learning



# Cloakroom



I put my coat and bag here



# Toilets



**Girls' toilet**



**Boys' toilet**

I must ask my teacher if I need to go to the toilet.



# Healthy Snacks

Bring your own fruit or vegetable or bread-based snack



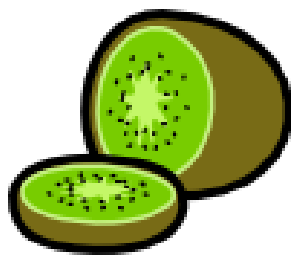
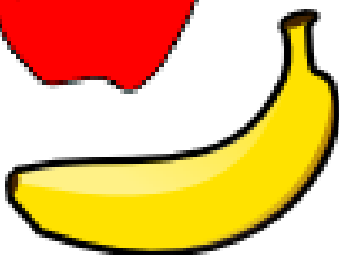
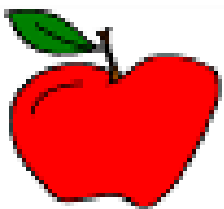
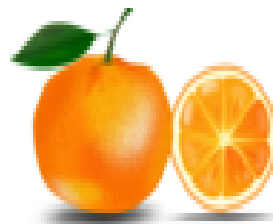
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50p for 1 day

£2.50 for 5 days

The kitchen staff offer a healthy break for P.1 and P.2 children



# School Dinners



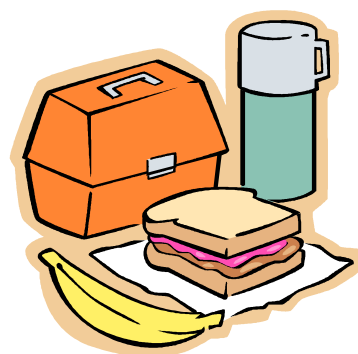
£2.60 each day Monday—Friday  
OR



£13-00  
each  
week



OR  
Packed Lunch



# Canteen



I go for lunch at 12.00 noon



# Dinner Ladies



Our names are: Trea, Eileen and Dolores.

# During School Activities



Literacy



Numeracy



World Around Us



PE



IT



Swimming



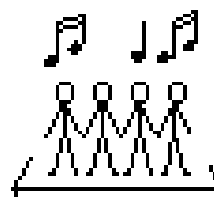
Paired Work



Talking & Listening



Music



Choir

# After School Clubs



Girls' and Boys' Football

INTO  
FILM

Film Club



Art



Gardening



ICT



Camogie



Hurling



Harp



Tin whistle



P1/P2 Stay & Play Club  
2:00pm—3:00pm



Violin

# School Uniform



## GIRLS

Yellow summer dress  
Yellow Polo shirt  
Navy school cardigan/  
sweatshirt  
Navy pleated skirt  
White socks (Summer)  
Navy tights (Winter)  
Black shoes



## BOYS

Yellow Polo shirt  
Navy trousers  
Navy school sweatshirt  
Black Shoes

## Where to buy the school uniform



Mary O'Kane  
J&M Clothing  
11 Laragh Road  
Swatragh

02879401855  
mokane1@aol.com

OR

Burns' Shop  
St Patrick's Street  
Draperstown

028 79628405

## Help with English

Pupils receive extra help for English on a one-to-one basis.



# School rules

1. Children must be in school at 9.00 am



2. Children must go to school every day



Monday → Friday

3. If your child is not at school

4. If you want to take your child



school,



want to take your child



out of

Please  
contact  
the school



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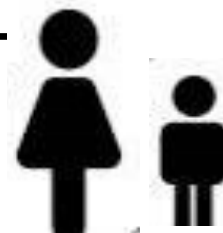
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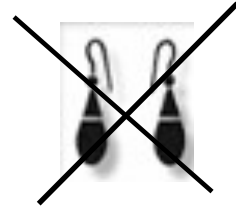
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Name? \_\_\_\_\_

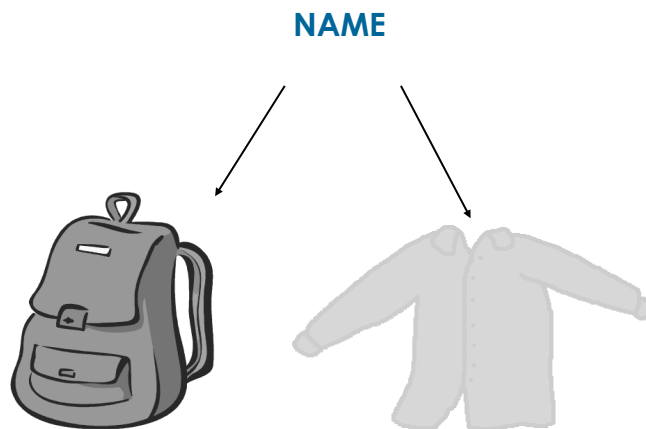


# School rules

6. Children **MAY NOT** wear jewellery



7. Put your child's name on all bags and clothes.



## Caretaker



My name is Nula Breen

# School in Northern Ireland

Nursery school (age 3-4)



Primary school (age 4/5-11)



Year 1 (P1)

4/5 years old

Year 2 (P2)

5/6 years old

Year 3 (P3)

6/7 years old

Year 4 (P4)

7/8 years old

Year 5 (P5)

8/9 years old

Year 6 (P6)

9/10 years old

Year 7 (P7)

10/11 years old

Post-Primary school (age 11-16/18)

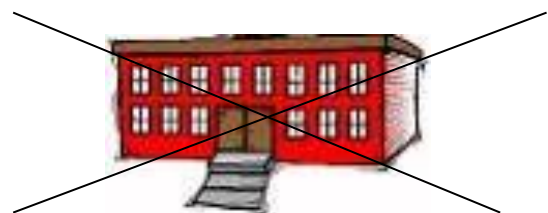


College of Further Education (age 16 +)



School year: September → June

Holidays: July and August



# School Details

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# Notes

Start Date: Wednesday 1st September

Time: 9.00 a.m.—12.00 noon for the month  
of September  
9.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m. from Monday  
4th October

*If you have any questions or concerns  
about your child starting school, please  
do not hesitate to contact us.  
We are here to help.*