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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

We are delighted to be preparing to welcome our children back to Primate Dixon Primary School for the 2026/27 school year. Staff have been busy getting classrooms ready and are looking forward to seeing all our boys and girls return next week.

Children in Primary 2 to Primary 7 will return to school on Tuesday 1 September and school dinners will be available from that day. EA taxis and Translink bus services will also operate from Tuesday.

Children who arrive early are welcome in school from 8.15am through their usual entrances.

Families of Nursery and Primary 1 pupils will already have received information regarding their individual starting arrangements. For the first two weeks, Primary 1 children should arrive with their adult at **8.45am**. From **14 September**, Primary 1 pupils may also come into school from 8.15.

UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents who took part in our consultation regarding school uniform. A significant majority supported a review and we will continue to consult with families throughout the year before any decisions are made.

As always, we ask that children wear school uniform. However, no one should ever worry about not having uniform – being in school is much more important.

On PE days and football coaching days, children may wear suitable sports clothing if they wish.

Please be sure all items of clothing, lunch bags and so on are clearly marked with children's names – we cannot emphasize this enough!

SCHOOL DINNERS – MEALS ENTITLEMENT & CASHLESS PAYMENT FOR MEALS

If you think your child may be entitled to school meals, please be certain to apply for this.

The application link is at

[Apply for Free School Meals / Uniform Grants | Education Authority Northern Ireland](#)

We also encourage families to use the **SchoolMoney** cashless payment app for school meals.

Most parents already use this service and it provides a convenient way to manage payments.

This also makes a very big difference for us in school in managing this in class at the beginning of each day and in offices managing money and banking arrangements.

A SchoolMoney help sheet is attached, and our office staff are always happy to assist if you require support.

FRUIT FOR ALL

We are pleased to continue providing fresh fruit for all children at breaktime free of charge. As every child will be offered a healthy snack in school, there is no need for children to bring a separate breaktime snack from home.

Many children enjoy bringing a water bottle to use throughout the day and we actively encourage this as part of promoting healthy habits and keeping hydrated. We kindly ask that water bottles contain water only and that juice or flavoured drinks are not sent into classrooms.

Children who bring a packed lunch may of course continue to have drinks other than water at lunchtime.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy choices and maintain a positive learning environment for all our children.

TRANLINK BUSES – SAVE WITH SMARTLINK CARDS

Translink operate two buses each morning, and at 2.00pm home time and then three buses at 3.00pm home time.

The cost of using Translink buses can be reduced by using their Smartlink card.

Smartlink cards cost £1 initially plus £7.75, this covers the first ten journeys.

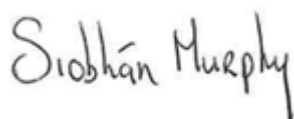
Cards can be topped up either on buses, at any PayPoint or at Dungannon bus station.

Smartlink cards can be purchased at the school office or at Dungannon bus station.

We are excited to begin another school year together and look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhán Murphy". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and surname clearly legible.