

School Meals Menu

£2.60

Monday 17 January

Fish Fingers

Mashed Potato & Baked Beans

Swiss Roll & Custard

Tuesday 18 January

Pasta Bolognese

Crust Baguette

Chocolate/Orange Sponge & Custard

Wednesday 19 January

Hot Dogs

Chips & Peas

Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday 20 January

Roast Turkey

Roast Potatoes & Carrot/Parsnip

Rice Pudding & Pears

Friday 21 January

Chicken Curry

Boiled Rice & Naan Bread

Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit



Friday 4th February

Break a Rule Day

Saturday 5th February

AQE/GL results day

Monday 7th to Thursday 10th February

Parent Teacher

Consultations

Friday 11th February

Last day of term

Lisnasharragh Primary School

Weekly News

Friday 14 January 2022

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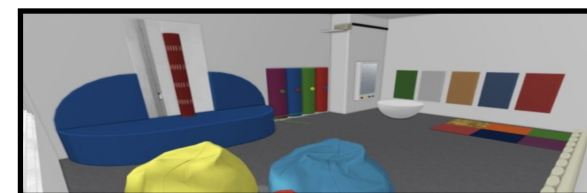
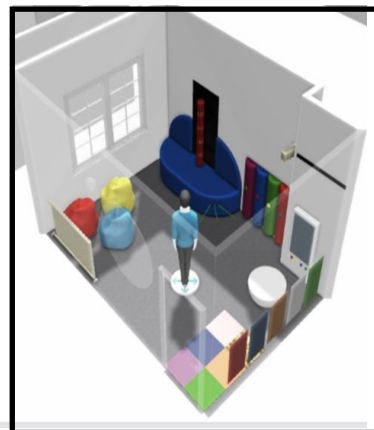
IMPORTANT CHANGE TO PICK UP & DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS FROM MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022

On Monday 17th January our Main Entrance will be shut as essential building work is carried out. This means that Primary Three and Primary Four should enter school via the Lower Front Gate. Staff will be on hand to help the children on to their classrooms. At pick up time these classes will also exit via the Lower Front Gate. We are expecting this work to last for 2 to 3 days and will let you know as soon as we can open the Main Entrance again.

Many Thanks for your understanding!

Exciting plans for a new sensory room in school agreed.

This week in school we were visited in school by a design team to help plan a proposed sensory room for our school.





Please can we remind parents that **no dogs should be brought on to the school premises at any time,** unless they are assistance dogs. It is school policy that dogs must remain off site and cannot enter the playground. Many Thanks!



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



13 January 2022

Dear Parent

Firstly can I say that our children and young people should be praised for adapting so well to the impact of COVID on their education. As parents you have continued to offer invaluable support to our schools and educational settings to enable your children's learning to continue, particularly during periods of disruption. Our educational staff have continued to ensure that children remain at the core of all of their work despite the range of difficult challenges that they continue to face. Everyone in the education sector will continue to work as hard as we can to ensure our children and young people can continue their learning in a safe environment.

We are now in the midst of another phase of the pandemic, with the new Omicron variant leading to significant case numbers across our communities. Case numbers in children and staff are likely to continue to reflect those in the community and we can expect some disruption in the coming weeks. My focus has been, and remains, on the continuing provision of education within our schools for all our children.

The pandemic affects us all and so much of our lives has been disrupted by the need to follow the public health advice. Your children have already endured very significant disruption to their education. I want to reassure you that the NI Executive continues to have a shared objective to keep schools safe and open, because the best place for children and young people is in school.

There continue to be measures in educational settings to help manage COVID-19, including those put in place locally by each school and setting. These include:

- use of face-coverings in post-primary schools;
- a twice weekly asymptomatic testing programme;
- maximising natural ventilation;
- retaining pupils in consistent groups wherever possible; and
- promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene.

You will have been sent a communication from the Minister for Education today stating the difficulty schools are currently facing and you will also be aware of a letter the school sent this week discussing difficulty obtaining cover for absent staff. At times this week we have had over 1/3 of our teaching staff absent and 1/4 of our overall staff unable to report for work.

We have managed to keep all classes in school but appreciate the normal homework routines and communications between teacher and home may not have been in place. Can we take this opportunity to say thank you for your support and patience at this time.

School Admissions 2022/23



Information for parents/guardians

Please see below key dates in admissions for year 2022/23. For parents/guardians the first date of note is the publishing of admissions criteria of schools on the EA website.

	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
STEP ONE			
Admissions Criteria Published on Website	17 Dec 2021	17 Dec 2021	12 Jan 2022

	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
STEP TWO			
Online Applications Open	10 Jan 2022	10 Jan 2022	1 Feb 2022
STEP THREE			
Online Applications Close	28 Jan 2022	28 Jan 2022	23 Feb 2022
STEP FOUR			
Notifications of Applications Outcome	28 April 2022 Stage One 16 June 2022 Stage Two	28 April 2022	21 May 2022

For more information on the admissions process please visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions

**BREAK
THE
RULES**

After the success of last years event, Break a Rule Day is back! On February 4th we will be giving pupils the opportunity to break some schools rules! More information will follow on how you can turn the tables on the staff!