



January 2023 Newsletter



We would like to wish our entire school community a very Happy New Year!

Parentline NI
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LIVE

PARENTLINE LIVE!!!
PARENTLINE IS NORTHERN IRELAND'S
HELPLINE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS. WE
ARE HERE TO SUPPORT, ADVISE AND
LISTEN TO ALL PARENTS.
WE WILL BE IN YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN
INFORMATION SESSION AND PARENT
Q&A. COME ALONG!!

LIVE

We're in your corner

Date: Tuesday 24th January
Time: 7pm
Venue: Good Shepherd Primary & Nursery School, Derry

We are hosting a Parentline NI live event in the school on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm. This is an ideal opportunity to seek for advice on a whole range of issues surrounding parenting and caring for your child. This is open to any Parents/Guardians locally- no need to have children enrolled at Good Shepherd...All welcome! Please tell a friend, neighbour or family member...

After School Clubs Information



LORRAINEYOGA

Last session of current block: Monday 16th January.

New Block starting: **Thursdays** on the 26th January

New Members' welcome P4-P7
£18 for 6 weeks. Please pay via ParentPay
Book in here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5d8Ar8H8NM>



Multi-sport runs every Tuesday P1-P7

New members welcome

£40 for 10 weeks (10% family discount)

Sign up here: <http://www.skillschoolni.com/>



After School Dance runs every Wednesday P1-P7. New members welcome

£40 for 10 weeks (10% family discount)

Sign up here: <http://www.skillschoolni.com/>



Maiden City Soccer is on every Thursday

New members welcome P1-P7

£25 for 10 weeks

Pay via ParentPay

<https://forms.office.com/e/jNBRdcqyyu>

Please check the events timetable included in the newsletter each week to see what is on...

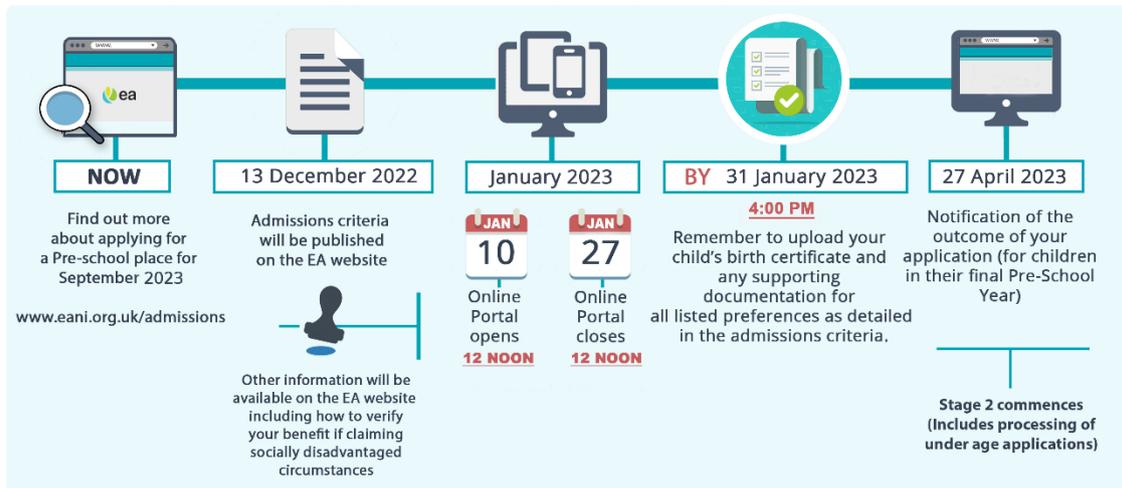
The Education Authority Admissions Portal will open on Tuesday 10th January at 12noon for Nursery & Primary 1 Applications

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR PRE-SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023

For target age children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020

For under age children born on or between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021

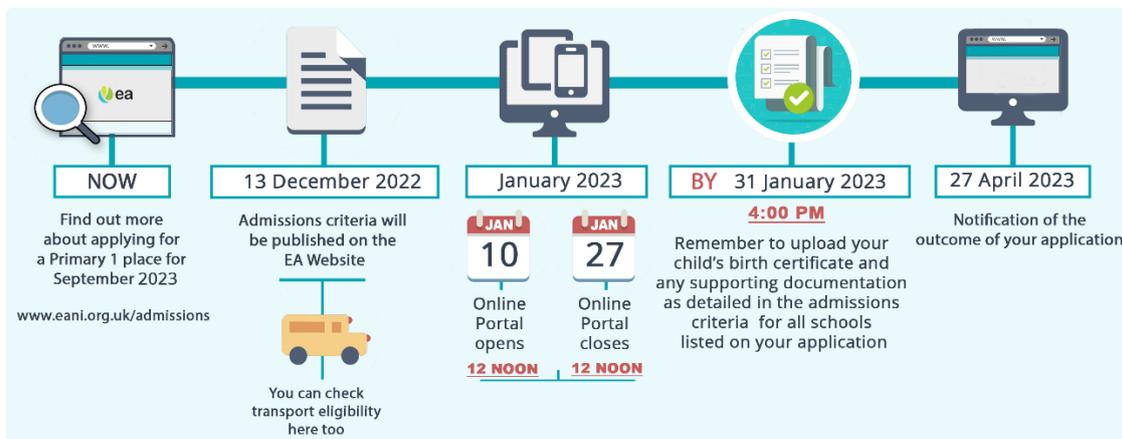
If you are deferring your child from starting Primary school, you can apply for a Pre School place



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class



Our admissions criteria can be accessed here:

<https://www.goodshepherdps.net/our-school/admissions-criteria-2021-22/>

Full admissions details can be found here:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

If you require any help or assistance please contact the school office. We will be happy to help. If you missed our open afternoon and would like to visit our school please contact the school office on 02871348446 or smcafferty143@c2kni.net to make an appointment.

What's on in January 2023 @Good Shepherd PS:

Date	What's on?
4/1/23	School reopens for all pupils
5/1/23	St. Joseph's College visit P7
9/1/23	St Patrick's & St Bridget's Claudy visit P7
10/1/23	Education Authority Nursery & P1 Application Portal Opens at 12noon
10/1/23	Multi-sport after school club- WEEK 2 OF NEW BLOCK 2-3pm P1 & P2, 3-4pm P3-P7
10/1/23	St. Cecilia's College visit P7
11/1/23	Dance Club- WEEK 2 OF NEW BLOCK 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
12/1/23	Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-4pm
13/1/23	IFA Shooting Stars Girls Festival of Football P2-P5
13/1/23	P5 Mrs Mitchell's Class Swimming Week 1 @1.30pm
16/1/23	Last Week of current Yoga after school club 3-4pm A new block will be starting on Thursday's from 26/1/23
17/1/23	P7 Road Safety Quiz
17/1/23	Multi-sport after school club- WEEK 3 2-3pm P1 & P2, 3-4pm P3-P7
18/1/23	Dance Club- WEEK 3 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
19/1/23	Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-4pm
20/1/23	P3 Mrs Harley's class assembly @9.30am- all welcome!
20/1/23	Cross Country Event @Templemore Sports Complex
20/1/23	P5 Mrs Mitchell's Class Swimming Week 2 @1.30pm
24/1/23	Parentline NI Parent Information Event in School 7pm
24/1/23	Multi-sport after school club- WEEK 4 2-3pm P1 & P2, 3-4pm P3-P7
25/1/23	Dance Club- WEEK 4 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
26/1/23	Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-4pm
26/1/23	New block of After School Yoga Starts
27/1/23	P3 Mrs McCormack's class assembly @9.30am- all welcome!
27/1/23	Nursery & Primary 1 Education Authority Application Portal closes
27/1/23	P5 Mrs Mitchell's Class Swimming Week 3 @1.30pm
30/1/23	P6 & P7 NSPCC workshop
30/1/23	Credit Union Quiz
31/1/23	Multi-sport after school club- WEEK 5 2-3pm P1 & P2, 3-4pm P3-P7



We are delighted to welcome Miss Kirsty Gallagher and Miss Caoimhe Harvey on teaching practice from St. Mary's University, Belfast. Miss Gallagher will be under the direction and support of Mrs Mitchell in Primary 5, while Miss Harvey will be under the direction and support of Mr Herron in Primary 7.



Learning starts at 9am every day. It is important that your child is punctual for school. School gates open from 8.45am. **Breakfast club is open from 8.10am. No need to book in for the breakfast club- £1 a day per child.** **Please enter the school grounds via the Nursery pedestrian gate.**



Please ensure that you download the Schools NI App which is linked to our website. Click on the ? on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on. This is our central means of communication.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea &/or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Covid-19 Information

- Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school
- If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 they can return to school after 3 days if they are well enough
- Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe 😊

Safeguarding Information



I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. **Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time.** Please talk to your child about general road safety. Please cross the road using the school crossing patrol. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Dr M. Gormley)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty). Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly.