



# Ballykeel Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **BREAKFAST CLUB/NURSERY AND PARKING IN THE CANTEEN CAR PARK**

Due to the increase in the number of staff in school, some staff have been asked to use the canteen car park to keep spaces in the car park outside the main school gates at a maximum for parents dropping off and collecting children. These staff, along with the canteen staff, know where to park in the canteen car park to maximise the number who can use this area while ensuring access for delivery lorries.

If you are bringing or dropping off a child at the breakfast club or dropping off/collecting from Mrs Cumberland's Nursery class, **please do not bring your car into the canteen car park**, but park on the road outside the gates. This will help ensure that staff members can get into their allocated space when they arrive for work.

Please also note that breakfast club does not open until 8:00 and children should not arrive earlier, or be left unattended, prior to this.

## **NEW LOG SEATS IN THE AREA BEHIND THE NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IN THE FRONT PLAYGROUND**

In school this year there is a focus on developing learning in the outdoors which includes enhancing the outdoor environment for our children. We have planted more fruit trees, purchased plant pots and seeds for each class and around the school, bought an outdoor classroom, storage units and items such as magnifying glasses, bug catchers and books. We will be purchasing new raised planters and sleepers to rejuvenate current planting areas, we are creating a wildflower garden at the back of the school, we are increasing the size of the secret garden at the back of the school and purchasing new fencing to go round it.

We have just completed the woodland area at the front of the school on the grass area just behind the new outdoor classroom. We are delighted with the 30 log seats which have just been installed. This area will be used by staff and the children for outdoor lessons including storytelling.

The log seats have been concreted into the ground and are in the process of 'settling in' so they are cordoned off at present and can't be used. Once the cordon is removed, **the log seats are only to be used by children who are accompanied by staff from the school**. If you are dropping off or collecting children, please do not let them, or other siblings, near this area. Please pass this message on to anyone else who may be dropping off or collecting your child/children.

We appreciate your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Sheeran