

Burgess National School  
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Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school , a special welcome to all the new families that have joined us.

I would also like to welcome Mr Ciaran McKeogh to our team, Mr McKeogh will be working along side Ms O Donnell in SET. I would also like to welcome Ms Eva Clarke; Ms Clarke will be with us until midterm break in October and is shared between Burgess NS and Kilkeary NS.

Its great to see all the children settling back into school particularly our new pupils. We hope they will all be very happy here.

The school office is open from 8.50 - 10.50 daily. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the office and Annie will be happy to help you.

### **Aladdin**

Pupil absence notes can be sent to the school via Aladdin. All parents can avail of the option to make any payments due in instalments through the Aladdin app.

### **School Mass**

On Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a school Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year. Mass will take place at 1 o clock in the PE hall and all are welcome to attend.

### **Yoga**

We have been lucky enough for the last number of years to be able to offer our children expert yoga tuition throughout the school year. This will continue again this year with Siobhan.

### **Rody Kennedy**

We have been very lucky to secure the services of Rody Kennedy for specialised PE classes this year. Rody is known far and wide for his expert PE instruction. PE is hugely important for children's health and wellbeing - something that has been highlighted in the media since the global pandemic hit in 2019. Rody will be with us on Tuesdays.

Our very generous BOM are subsidising the cost of both yoga and PE.

### **Safety:**

School is open to receive children from 8.50 every morning. Children can go directly to their classrooms at this time.

If your child has an infection or a contagious illness such as chicken pox, please notify the school immediately. Children who have chicken pox must be kept at home until they are no longer infectious. Please check with your GP if you are unsure of the incubation period. Please check your child's hair regularly for outbreaks of head lice. If there is an outbreak of head lice in a class, all parents of pupils in that class are informed by note and asked to take immediate action to treat infestation.

**Children must be collected on time at the end of the school day.**

**It is parents' responsibility to inform the school in writing of changes in name, address, or phone number. We also need a 2nd contact number for emergencies. We will then be able to contact you immediately if your child is sick.**

#### **Child Protection and Welfare:**

The Department of Education and Science have produced *Guidelines and Procedures* for all schools in relation to Child Protection and Welfare. These guidelines promote the welfare of all children and are to be welcomed. The Board of Management has adopted these guidelines as school policy. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to abuse of children in any way, we are obliged to report this to Tusla. They will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child and family concerned.

DLP Emma Long  
DDL P Ann Costello

#### **School Uniform:**

Children are asked to wear the school uniform Monday, Wednesday and Friday and our school tracksuit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wearing the school uniform helps children to develop a sense of community and feel part of the Burgess National School team.

#### **Attendance:**

Children are expected to attend school each day except in the case of illness. Please let the school know if your child is absent. We are obliged to notify our educational welfare officer if a child misses a lot of time in school. Every day in school counts and children who are in school on time every day get every possible chance to achieve their potential.

#### **Reminder:**

- **From Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> the new Junior Infants will be staying for the longer school day until 1.40.**
- **Burgess NS is a NUTFREE ZONE.**

Once again welcome back and we look forward to meeting you during the year.

**Emma Long and Staff**