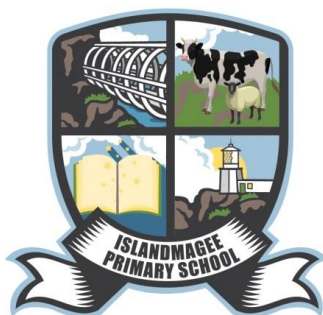


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30<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the academic year has now drawn to a close. This has been yet another challenging year for our school and community. I am so very proud of how we all as a school family adapted to the changes that yet again were thrust upon us at short notice. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff, teaching and non-teaching who have gone way beyond what was required of them to keep our school safe and functioning. I am very grateful to staff who, despite their own anxieties continued to provide necessary Key Worker support and to those who created remote learning classrooms in their own homes while home schooling their own families. I think it is fair to say that staff, parents and pupils at Islandmagee Primary make an awesome team! Very well done to everyone.



### A Week of Goodbyes

We said our goodbyes to Year 7 last week with. The children were treated to pizza party and received their awards and gifts afterwards at a lovely, socially distanced event with family.

We wish them all the very best as they move on to their new schools and thank them for the part they played in our school family.

Today we say our final farewell to Mrs Saville as she begins her well-earned retirement. We have given her a great send off and showered her with gifts; she will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness as she 'puts her feet up'..... until her next walking adventure.

Miss Nevin leaves Islandmagee today also; we will miss her very much and wish her every success as she moves on to the next chapter of her teaching career.

## **MAXGO** Summer Club: Max Coding and Max Fit

The Max Coding and Fitness Club has been confirmed for 12<sup>th</sup> July for one week. Everyone who has noted interest MUST register to book and confirm their child's place directly with Chris and the team via the Max Coding website; there are a few places remaining. See link below.

[www.max-go.co.uk/register/islandmagee](http://www.max-go.co.uk/register/islandmagee)



## **Transport**

Every year we continue to have issues with the EA Transport Department when our Year 4 pupils transfer to the Senior Campus. The system is computerised and so will inform parents that their child is not entitled as they do not attend their closest school.

This will be dealt with as in previous years; I have already been in contact with the EA Transport office and clarified the situation.

Pupils living in Islandmagee, who have been attending the Junior Campus and live 2 miles or more from the Senior Campus will be accommodated. It is important that you place your application online and that you note your appeal against the decision. The schools were assured at amalgamation that transport would be provided and I will be working to resolve this once again this year.

## **Free School Meals and Uniform**

Please remember to complete applications for assistance with school meals and uniform grants. By completing your application, you will also help with school funding!!

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

## **Uniform**

Our official supplier is SDKells in Larne. There were a few variations of the school badge being used without permission last year.

The Governors and staff have made allowance for the cost of uniforms with an agreed discount available from SDKells. We also request the wearing of the polo shirt with logo for all official events, school photos etc. with plain white polo shirts worn for other days helping to reduce cost.

PE Kit is not essential; this will be available to order via the school office by using the order form which will be on the website in August.

We have a range of pre loved clothes available in school.

Please email a request with sizing required to [info@islandmageeps.islandmagee.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@islandmageeps.islandmagee.ni.sch.uk) and we will check availability and be in touch mid-August. These will be distributed on first come first served.

## **Points to Note**

**12<sup>th</sup> July** Max Coding Summer Scheme

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The school office is open Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July morning for any urgent enquiries.

Orders for water bottles or school bags can be sent to the school via email.

Water Bottles cost £2                      School bags £10 (limited number available)

The School Calendar 2021- 2022 is available on the school website for you to check dates.

## Class Teachers 2021 2022

Year 1	Mrs Acheson Monday & Tuesday	Mrs Wolfe Wednesday – Friday
Year 2/3	Mrs Thompson Monday & Tuesday	Mrs Patton Wednesday – Friday
Year 3/4	Miss Burbidge	
Year 5	Mrs Lowry	
Year 6/7	Mrs Todd	

Year 3 parents will be sent the details of their child's registration class next week via email. Please ensure the school office has up to date email contact.

## Arrival and Dismissal Times

Year 1 will start school on **August 25<sup>th</sup> 2021** at staggered times that will be sent out individually but will be between 9.00am and 9.15am. The children will go home at 12noon daily.



Year 7 should will start school on **August 25<sup>th</sup> 2021** and should arrive between 8.55am and 9.00am and **will go home at 12 noon.**

*26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August Years 2 – 7 will be as follows (closed 30<sup>th</sup> August)*

	<b>Arrival Times</b>	<b>Home Times</b>
• Year 1	9.00am	12noon (from 4 <sup>th</sup> October 1.50pm daily)
• Year 2/3	8.40am – 8.45am	12.30pm -12.40pm
• Year 3/4	8.45am – 8.50am	12.40pm – 12.50pm
• Year 5	8.40am – 8.55am	12.45pm -12.50pm
• Year 6/7	8.45am -8.55am	12.50pm – 12.55pm

Please remember, at this stage there is no transport or school lunch facilities. Children should have a snack for morning break time.

*Siblings on the same campus should arrive and leave at youngest child's allocated time.*

## **Proposed Home Times** from 1<sup>st</sup> September

• Year 2	1.55pm daily	
• Year 3	Monday, Thursday & Friday 2.00pm	Tuesday & Wednesday 2.45pm
• Year 4	Monday – Wednesday 2.55pm	Thursday & Friday 2.05pm
• Year 5	Monday – Wednesday 2.55pm	Thursday & Friday 2.10pm
• Year 6/7	Monday – Wednesday 3.00pm	Thursday & Friday 2.15pm

It is my hope that there is no change other than improvement in the pandemic that we are all living through. Unless otherwise directed by the executive, we will open as planned with the arrival and home times shown.

Please keep up to date via the school website;



**ClassDojo**

Class Dojo will be signed off for the summer and new classes created in the new school year.

It's not always easy: There is help!

Here are some useful links that may offer support or encouragement over the summer months should you need. We have all had a particularly tough 18 months and it is important that we all look after ourselves. It is ok to not be ok and to ask for help.

<https://www.familysupportni.gov.uk/>

<https://www.parentingni.org/>

<https://www.adviceni.net/>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/northern-ireland/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>



Finally, I want to wish you and your families a safe and blessed summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the end of August.

Take care and keep safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "A. Cambridge". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs A. Cambridge  
Principal