



ANAHILT
Primary School



9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and refreshing Christmas break. As we begin a new year and a new term, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a number of important reminders to help ensure that school life runs smoothly for everyone.

Absences

Please remember that all pupil absences must be reported promptly. If your child is unable to attend school, contact the office **before 9:20am** so we can update our systems without delay and avoid unnecessary follow-up calls.

If Mrs Brush is unable to take your call, you may leave a message on our telephone system (press 1) or email the office at: jbrush617@c2kni.net

To help keep our school community healthy, please take note of the following reminders:

- If your child requires Calpol or similar medication (except for a headache or minor injury), they should remain at home until symptoms improve.
- Children **must not** return to school until **48 hours** have passed since their **last episode** of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Please keep your child at home until they are fully well. We will support them with catching up on work **upon their return**.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform items, coats, jumpers, bags, and any personal belongings, are clearly named. This makes it much easier to return misplaced items.

A gentle reminder that:

- Shoes should be **plain black** – either black school shoes or black trainers.
- **PE days:** pupils should wear plain **dark leggings** or appropriate sports bottoms.
- Winter boots may be worn **to school**, but pupils should **change into normal school footwear once inside**.

After-Christmas Items

We kindly ask that Christmas gifts such as toys, teddies, and other special items are kept at home. These can easily go missing in school and cause unnecessary upset.

Smart Watches

Please note that **Smart Watches must not be worn in school**.

These devices can:

- Record audio, video, or images
- Receive messages or notifications
- Connect to the internet

Because of this, they pose challenges to **Pastoral Care, Safeguarding, and Child Protection**. To ensure a safe environment for all pupils, smart watches should remain at home. Thank you for your co-operation in supporting this important safeguarding measure.

Classroom Supplies

Sadly, Santa did not replenish our classroom stock this year, and resources such as glue sticks, rubbers, and pens are now running low. Teachers may send home requests for small top-up items for their classes. Your support is very much appreciated.

Healthy Eating

I would like to encourage healthy lunch routines as we begin the new term:

- Drinks bottles should contain **water only**.
- Grapes (P1–P3) must be **cut lengthways**.
- Kiwi fruit should not be included.
- Please keep portions manageable. Pupils have 20 minutes for eating lunch. I encourage them to eat as much as they can and to take home anything uneaten so you are aware of their preferences.
- If you have any issues with lunches / want any feedback etc contact myself as I usually have lunch with the pupils every day.

Save the Date

Diary dates are attached to this letter and also available on the school website.

Communication

As always, please contact the school office by phone or email if you need to speak with any member of staff.

Day to day issues can be chatted over with either myself or Mrs McCune at the gate in the morning during drop off.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support and co-operation. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

A Smyth
Principal