



# Buick Memorial Primary School

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1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Education Minister's announcement yesterday, Buick's Senior Leadership Team met today (via Zoom) to confirm arrangements for Term 2.

The latest DE document states that, "primary school pupils will be taught remotely until 11<sup>th</sup> January, after which they will attend school for face-to face teaching. Schools will remain open next week for vulnerable pupils and those of keyworkers." Please see the guidance for the definition of keyworker at the following hyperlink:

[Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](http://education-ni.gov.uk)

Minister Weir has indicated that this move is necessary because of the unprecedented levels of positive Covid-19 tests since Christmas.

**Buick parents (P1-P7) should contact their child's teacher, via Edmodo, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to confirm their child's attendance or participation in remote learning next week.** This information will allow teachers to plan ahead and prepare remote learning packs for Thursday and Friday. **The remote learning packs will be available for uplift from the school office on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January between the hours of 10am - 2pm.** These packs will contain the relevant schoolwork for the two days. Please adhere to social distancing when collecting the packs and all parents must wear a facemask upon entering school grounds.

On Wednesday, vulnerable children and those of keyworkers will attend Buick. Pupils will continue to follow their staggered entry and exit times as in Term 1. Children in school will be supervised to complete the same work as distributed in the packs on Thursday and Friday. No new teaching will be taking place next week.

We recognise that our Primary 7 pupils will be sitting their first AQE paper on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Appropriate work will be available in school and via a pack.

Buick Nursery will operate as normal from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please continue to adhere to social distancing and the wearing of masks at drop-off and pick-up times.

Website: [www.buickmemorial.org](http://www.buickmemorial.org)

Email: [info@buickmemorial.org](mailto:info@buickmemorial.org)

School transport will operate as normal from Wednesday too. Again, please ensure masks are worn whilst travelling on buses.

**Buick's Dining Centre will not operate next week.** All children attending school should bring a packed lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Pupils who receive Free School Meals will receive the equivalent payment during week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Timetable

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Buick Staff Development Day  
Parents in P1-P7 should contact their child's class teacher (via Edmodo) to confirm attendance or remote learning.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - All Nursery pupils to attend as normal.  
Vulnerable pupils and children of keyworkers to attend Buick for supervision. Staggered entry and exit times will apply as in Term 1.  
Home learning packs to be collected from the front office between 10am and 2pm.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Remote Learning Commences
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Remote Learning Continues
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Primary 7 pupils sit AQE Transfer Paper 1 in Ballymena Academy or Cambridge House Grammar School
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January - All pupils return to Buick for face-to-face teaching.

We would like to thank you for your support in our endeavours during these Covid-19 times. Like you, we received this information late and recognise the difficulties it may present for some families.

We look forward to seeing all pupils return safely to Buick on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at their usual times.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that brighter days are ahead for us all in 2021.

Kind regards,

*R. Peters*

*Acting Principal*