



St. Colman's Primary School



Annaclone

**Pupil
Handbook - 2019/20**

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.45am	School starts
10.29–10.35am	Break time P1-4
10.45–11.00am	Break time P3-4
12 noon -12.45pm	Lunch (P1 to P4)
12.30 - 1.15 pm	Lunch (P5 to P7)
1.45 pm	End of day for P1/P2
2.35pm	End of day for P3 to P7



PRAYERS

The day starts with prayers. Prayers are said before and after lunch and at the end of the school day.

Morning offering: O my God you love me,
You're with me night and day,
I want to love you always
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you father,
Bless me through this day. Amen.

Grace before Meals Bless us O Lord as we sit together,
Bless the food we eat today,
Bless the hands that made the food,
Bless us O Lord. Amen.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR LUNCH?

We have an excellent canteen at St. Colman's which cooks fresh, hot meals and delicious deserts on site every day. You can get a menu from the school office or on our website. Meals cost £2.60 per day.

Alternatively, you can bring your own packed lunch which will be eaten with the rest of your class in the canteen/classroom.



WHAT AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS CAN I ATTEND?

Breakfast Club

The school canteen opens every school morning at 8.10am for pupils whose parents need to drop them off early. You can get toast, cereal and a drink all for £1.00 per day!

After Schools Club/Extended After Schools Club

Children who finish school at 1.45pm can wait for their older brothers and sisters at Happy Hour. They can play games and do fun activities until the whole family can be collected together at 2.35pm. Children can stay in school until 6pm at our Extended After Schools Club.

School Clubs and Teams

There are many ways to represent St. Colman's Primary School. Through sport, quizzes, music or drama. There is always an avenue for you to explore your interests!

There are many other clubs which you can join.

Every term, the After School Clubs change, but here are a few of the options you can chose from:

Arts and crafts

Coding

Board games

Drama

Homework club

Jiving

Cinema

Maths Club

Football

Stich and Sewing

Grace after Meals: Thank you Lord for the food we have eaten,
Thank you God for all my friends
Thank you Lord for everything. Amen

Evening Prayer: God our Father, we come to say,
Thank you for your love today,
Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me,
Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.



WHERE DO I GO AT PLAYTIME?

Weather permitting ALL children must go to the playground during their playtimes. This year we have opened our terrific new playground, have painted markings on the lower playground and have new equipment too.

WHO CAN I TALK TO IF I AM WORRIED?



If you are really worried or upset about anything, you can always talk to either to Mrs Morgan, Mrs. Burns, Mrs McCann or Mrs Hanna (Nursery) they are our designated teachers. All of our teachers care for us but they are specially trained to listen and help.

WHERE DO I GO AT THE END OF THE DAY?

If you are in P1 or P2:

You will leave from your own classroom. You will have to wait with your teacher until an adult comes to collect you. Some children will stay with Miss Brannigan and Mrs Tumility in ASC/EASC.

If you are in P3- P7:

You will be walked to the hall by your teacher. After our final prayer of the day you will wait with the teacher on duty, at the bottom of the ramp until you are collected by an adult. You will only be allowed to walk on your own if you have written permission from an adult.

Bus Children:

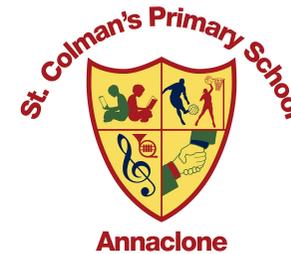
Children going home by bus are collected from hall by their designated classroom assistant. She will walk you to your bus and check that you are seated safely before the bus leaves the premises.



HOW CAN I KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

Update

A newsletter is sent out every Month. It tells you and your family any important information you need to know and gives details of events happening that month. You can also find the newsletter on the school website.



We have a brilliant school website.

Visit it at

<http://www.stcolmansandallsaints.co.uk/home/>

You will find everything you need to know about the school and all the exciting things that have happened.

School Twitter @stcolmansps

The school also uses twitter to keep everyone updated on all the positive things happening within St Colman's PS & All Saints' .

Aims of Using Twitter:

- To quickly share and celebrate children's achievements, successes and school updates.
- To demonstrate safe and responsible use of social media
- To make local and global links
- To encourage the use of 21st Century technology

WHO CAN HELP ME IF I'M UNHAPPY?

If you have a problem at school or at home, and feel that you would like to talk to someone, there are many special people in St. Colman's PS who can help you.

Designated Teachers

Mrs Morgan (V.P.) , Mrs. Burns (P1), Mrs McCann & Mrs Hanna (Nursery) are available all day, everyday to help you out. Just ask your teacher if you can go to speak to one of them; your class teacher will not ask what it is about!

Prefects

There are P7 prefects. They were elected fairly by the p7 pupils at the start of the school year. You will recognise them by their badges.

The School Council

The school council is made up of x3 pupils from every class from P3 upwards. They meet every month to discuss the day to day running of the school, from the pupils' point of view. If you have any suggestions on how to make the school a better place, just tell your class representative. The councillors can be recognised by their badges.

Buddies

They are special people who can play with you at break time in your playground. They are the "buddies" and you will know them by their hi-viz bibs.

WHAT UNIFORM WILL I WEAR?

Uniforms - Primary School

- ☐ Navy blue trousers (boys) /skirts
- ☐ Light blue shirt
- ☐ Navy blue tie
- ☐ Black Shoes
- ☐ Jumper (Navy) with school crest
- ☐ (Optional) reversible (windproof/fleece) crested coat from Robin Fields (Banbridge)

Optional warm weather uniform (Primary) **(Sept & Oct and from Easter to June only)**

Boys: navy trouser shorts, light blue short sleeve shirt, tie & school jumper;

Girls: light blue checked dress & school jumper.

For school photos, trips and special occasions, the full school uniform (shirt, tie, trousers/skirt/pinafore) must be worn.

Blue polo shirts are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school.



REWARD SYSTEMS

Coins

Every child in St. Colman's Primary School can earn coins for their house at any time for good behaviour, having a sensible attitude, producing quality work, giving lots of effort and much more. At the end of a half-term we tally up the coins and the House with the most wins a prize.

Each class may also have their own individual reward system that your parents will find out about during the curriculum meeting at the beginning of Term 1.

Workers of the Week

Every Friday one child from each class is awarded a sticker and a prize at assembly. Your teacher will chose a pupil who has worked really hard that week



In **Religious Education** we learn about the Catholic faith by reading stories from our *Grow in Love Books*, and singing songs and hymns. We have assembly every day. In P3 we make our First Confession, in P4 we make our First Communion and in P7 we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome children of all faith backgrounds into our school.

In **P.D.M.U.** we learn about ourselves and other people; how to keep healthy, safe and happy. We talk about things like drugs and bullying. We are aiming to become a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

We study **The Arts**. We learn new songs to sing, and sometimes play musical instruments. Pupils can volunteer in the school choir and compete in drama/theatrical competitions.

The P1-P4 classes are performing in a Nativity Play this year and our P5-7 children are performing in a Carol Service.

We try and copy pictures by famous artists or experiment with paint, pencil, pastel and crayons. Sometimes we make things out of materials such as clay, plasticine, cardboard or Mod Roc.

In **P.E.**, we learn Fundamental Movement Skills. We have a fully equipped school gym and a state of the art Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) for outdoor games. We use the Banbridge Pool for swimming lessons in KS2. P.E. keeps us fit and healthy, and is also a lot of fun. Our Mile A Day running is a big hit!

WHAT LESSONS WILL I DO?

We do **Numeracy** everyday. We learn multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We learn aspects of Number, Shape and Space, Measures, Data Handling and Financial Capabilities.

We do **Literacy** everyday. We learn how to use words and punctuation properly, and how to construct sentences. We learn about the different genres of writing. We follow literacy tasks every day and take part in shared/guided reading. We enjoy speaking and listening and use linguistic Phonics to help us read and spell.

In the **World Around Us** we learn how to carry out experiments, and to predict their results. We like to find out how things happen and why. We learn about different countries and cultures in the world, and facts about the Earth and our Solar System We use atlases, reference books, the Internet and videos to help us learn.

We learn about other civilisations such as Ancient Egypt, . We also learn about important past events and famous people.

In **I.C.T.** we explore the 5 E's: Explore, Express, Exchange, Evaluate and Exhibit. We do this through researching topics through the internet, presenting our ideas in different ways, communicating by email and discussion forums, editing and improving our work and saving it on the system. All classrooms have an interactive whiteboard so we can use our computer skills in all of our lessons. We have a set of ipads and at least one computer in every room.



Special Achievement

Any child who achieves success outside of school is also celebrated by having their photograph on the school twitter site @stcolmansps



End of Year Prize Giving

At the end of the school year we hold a prize giving ceremony. Children in the school will be presented with an individual awards to celebrate something that they have excelled in that year.



WHO'S WHO IN St. Colman's Primary School & All Saints'
Nursery Unit

Principal: Mr K O'Neill

Vice Principal: Mrs A Morgan

Teachers & Classroom Assistants

Nursery teachers: Mrs Hanna / Mrs Cosgrave and
Miss Cunnigham

P1 Mrs Burns & Miss Heaney & Mrs Higgins

P2 Mrs McCann & Mrs Beck

P3 Mrs McMahon & Miss Brannigan

P4 Mrs Quinn & Mr Burns

P5 Mr White & Miss Cunningham

P6 Mrs Morgan & Mrs Patterson & Mrs Tumilty

P7 Miss McKay/Mrs Loy & Mrs McNeill

Booster Support teacher: Mrs Loy



How will I learn in St Colman's Primary School?

In lots of fun and interesting ways....



There are lots of different ways in which we learn....

