

Our Lady's Girls' Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that you are all keeping well and enjoying the fine summer weather. Please ensure that when your child comes to school, they wear a sun hat for playing outside and have sun cream applied.

SCHOOL BBQ – NORTH BELFAST FOODBANK

This Friday 4 June we are celebrating summer with a School BBQ provided by North Belfast Foodbank. They wanted to thank our families for all the food donations made during lockdown, by holding a BBQ at the school.

Your daughter will not need a school dinner or packed lunch on this day. If your child does not eat burgers/hot dogs and they do receive Free School Meals, they can request a packed lunch from our school kitchen. **We want our children to enjoy the full BBQ experience and so we are allowing a non-uniform day on Friday.**



SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports will be delivered to families during the week beginning 21 June. We have kept a simplified format and have not included standardised scores, due to disruption to school-life caused by Covid this year. Your daughter's test scores will be discussed at October parent-teacher meetings.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you are aware, we relaxed our school uniform policy during Covid. From the beginning of the next school term, we are reintroducing our full school uniform. Please see the list of acceptable uniform on the right hand side of this letter. In September we intend to reintroduce schoolbags and homework books - this will of course be subject to *DE Coronavirus guidance*.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that if your child receives Free School Meals, then you must apply again this year, online. We have received the information below from the EA:

Current Eligible Families and New Applicants

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2020/21 school year **will not be sent a pre-populated form** for the 2021/22 school year by the EA. All parents/guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply on-line from Monday, 7 June 2021 via the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>.

It is important to note that if you do not fill out an application for Free School Meals, you will have to pay for meals after the summer, costing £2.60 per day.

Free School Meals / Uniform Grants Helpdesk

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Grants Helpdesk is available to assist parents/guardians and schools who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk. The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is: (028) 9041 8044.

School Uniform

- ♦ navy pinafore or skirt
- ♦ white open neck blouse or polo top
- ♦ school jumper
- ♦ white/navy socks or tights
- ♦ sensible black shoes with straps or laces—no pumps

PE Uniform

- ♦ black PE shoes - no laces
- ♦ navy PE shorts
- ♦ white T-shirt

Summer Uniform

Blue & white checked dress

Uniform Suppliers:

- ~Sports Company, Yorkgate
- ~Tiny Togs, Crumlin Road

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes