# CIPS News

8th October 2021

# **Punctuality**

We all know that good attendance at school is very important. Here at Central Integrated Primary School we also believe that being on time / punctual to school each day is equally important. There are a small number of children who are late every day at the moment. When a child is consistently 10 or 15 minutes late they miss explanations of homework or class news. If a child is 15 minutes late every day, they miss 75 minutes of school every week. Lateness also impacts on attendance and it could mean that the Education Welfare Officer might need to have a chat with you.

Pupils are expected to be in school at 9.00am every day ready to start learning. We understand that at times things happen and lateness can't be helped but this should be the exception rather that the rule. Please get your child to school on time.

### Celebration Event

We are planning a celebratory event on Friday 15th October, to mark our transformation to Integrated status.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend due to current restrictions but we have an assembly planned and some fun activities for the children afterwards. We even have a special guest coming to formally open 'Central Integrated Primary School'.

More details to follow.

### Half-Term Holiday

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
School reopens Monday 1st November

## **Photographs**

The photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of all children on Monday 11th October. Further details in relation to ordering will be available soon. Unfortunately we are still unable to bring younger siblings into school for family photographs because of covid restrictions.

### Parent Consultations

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd October

We have decided to carry out face to face meetings. All meetings will be held in the assembly hall with the doors open. Parents will be asked to wait outside until they are called in by the teacher. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be in place.

Please remember that school will close at 12.00pm on all 3 days to facilitate consultations.

### Free School Meals

Free School Meals / School Uniform / Physical Education Clothing applications for 2021/22 school year can now be made online by clicking the link:

https://freeschoolmealsanduniforms.eani.org.uk

Parents/Guardians who have a child/children already entitled to free school meals during the 2020/21 school year also need to apply for these children (as well as any additional children) for the 2021/22 school year. Please include in your application all children for whom you have parental responsibility and who will be attending full time at school or Regional/FE College.

Please apply for Free School Meals if you are eligible. The school receives additional funding for every child who is entitled to FSM but only if we reach a certainthreshold.