



# CIPS News

28th January 2022

## DE CIRCULAR ON ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME.

DE has requested that schools convey the following information to parents:

"Missing school (either face-to-face or virtual learning at home) at any time is detrimental to a child's education therefore family holidays or other appointments e.g. doctor or dentist should be arranged, where possible, outside school hours.

Schools must discourage holidays during term time as this can have a significant impact on pupils' learning.

Family holidays taken during term time, which have not been agreed, will be categorised as an unauthorised absence."

Persistent lateness is also detrimental to a child's education including their self-esteem when they enter the classroom late thus interrupting teaching and learning. We currently have a number of pupils who are consistently late into school. This disrupts the entire class. Lateness occasionally cannot be helped but it shouldn't be an everyday occurrence.

## Parent Consultations

Our next set of parent consultations will take place on the 9th, 10th & 11th February. Consultations will be by telephone. Unfortunately, given the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to have face to face parent interviews. The class teacher will call you, at a set time, for your parent interview. You should by now have received this time. Please be advised that this call is likely to come from an 'UNKNOWN CALLER'. We look forward to having the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress to date. We ask that you make yourself available at the set time and inform the school secretary if the time doesn't suit so that we can arrange an alternative time.

## After School Clubs

All after school clubs were due to resume on Monday 31st January but unfortunately we have had to postpone them again due to a rise in cases, within the school and the community as a whole. They will now resume on Monday 21st February after half-term.



## Primary One Applications for 2022

The formal application process for children wishing to start Primary One in September 2022 has now closed. We are delighted that we have had our biggest number of applications in the last 10 years. We can't wait to welcome our new P1s later this year. Central Integrated PS goes from strength to strength!

## Primary 7 parents

Post- primary admissions criteria are now live on the EA website. It is important that you read and familiarise yourself with the criteria for any school that you may be considering listing on your child's application.

**Online applications will open on 1st February 2022.**

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 5th February** : AQE Results issued to Primary 7

**Monday 14th Feb**—Friday 18th Feb Half-Term

**Tuesday 8th March**: Primary 6 Transfer Information Meeting @ 3.15pm

**Thursday 17th March** is a half-day for St Patrick's Day

**Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April**: Easter Holidays (Friday 8th April will be a half-day)

**Monday 30th May -Wed 1st June** P6/7 Residential

School Closed for the Bank holiday **Thursday 2nd June** and **Friday 3rd June**, school closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday