



Ballyclare Secondary School

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30th June 2023

Dear Ballyclare Secondary School families,

As our summer holidays begin, I would like to thank you for all your continued support as we work together as a school community, raising standards and transforming young peoples' lives.

Reflecting on the past school year, we have had an extremely busy one filled with many good times and successes to celebrate, but we've also had times of immense sadness due to the loss of members of our school community. Despite, all the challenges we have faced, we have discovered a depth of resilience, compassion and togetherness.

Our year ended with wonderful activities and sports day, followed by award assemblies filled with pride and celebration of our pupils' accomplishments. We are very proud of all of our pupils and their achievements.

Looking ahead, 2023-2024 is going to be an exciting school year with many activities and events to look forward to, as well as the implementation of our two-week timetable, which I explained in further detail in correspondence, earlier this month.

Ballyclare Secondary School pupils wear their uniform with pride. Maintaining a very high standard of uniform is only possible with your ongoing support, for which we are grateful. Please check our uniform policy on our school website very carefully before purchasing any new uniform for your young person over the summer break. I respectfully remind you that facial piercings are not permitted.

A special thanks to you, the parents and carers who have contributed to this school year in so many ways. Thank you for the partnership between home and school, which is so important.

Before I say the final farewell, there are some special farewells that we would like to acknowledge. The following members of staff are retiring; Mr McGuigan, after 38 years of service to our school, Mrs Oliver after 34 years to Ballyclare Secondary School and Michael McLean, after 28 years of service. They have given of so much to our school community over the years, of which we are so thankful for. We wish them a long, healthy and happy retirement with the opportunity to engage in all the activities they wish to explore.



Have a safe and fun filled summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August/September.

Best wishes,



Wendy Shingleton (Mrs)
Acting Principal

Summer Information & Reminders:

Wednesday 30th August 2023: Year 8 only from 8.40am to 11.45am *(school buses are not available)*

Thursday 31st August 2023: Years 8 & 13 from 8.40am to 2.55pm *(school buses & canteen are not available)*
Year 13 from 8.40am to 11.45am

Friday 1st September 2023: All Year Groups return to school from 8.40am to 2.55pm
(school buses & canteen are operational from this date)

If you need to contact the school regarding anything over the summer holiday, please send an email to info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk outlining a brief summary and your contact details.

Information will be sent at the beginning of August regarding the parental voluntary contribution.