



## Ballyclare Secondary School

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28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Ballyclare Secondary School families

School is OPEN for all pupils on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

As you are aware, there is a planned public transport strike on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. If this strike goes ahead on Friday, there will be no school buses. If your child usually travels by bus to and/or from school, we are asking you to make alternative arrangements to enable your child to come to school on Friday.

This week is our Key Stage 3 assessment week as well as one with important lessons for Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils, after a week of study leave/assessments. We ask that you make every effort possible to attend on Friday.

To facilitate the flow of traffic/cars we are implementing staggered drop off and pick up times as follows (these arrangements also apply to those walking to school):

Years 8 & 9 drop off between 8.15am to 8.45am, and pick up at 2pm

Years 10 & 11 drop off between 8.45am to 9.15am, and pick up at 2.30pm

Years 12 -14 drop off at 9.15am to 9.30am, and pick up at 3pm.

If you have children in different year groups, please drop off and pick up all of your children at the time of your youngest child's times. We would encourage you to drop your children off at a safe location near to the school grounds to reduce the number of cars entering the school grounds.

Breakfast club will be operating as normal.

Please work with us to reduce impact of the public transport strike on your child's learning experience.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Yours faithfully

Wendy Shingleton  
Acting Principal

