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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the staff and pupils I would like to wish you a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year and welcome you and your children to the second term of 2021/22. I would also like to remind you to please refer to the school website: www.edendorkps.com for an insight into the experiences and opportunities your children are presented with in each class. To date this includes the Christmas performances which I must say were a joy to watch over the Christmas holidays. In light of the children having greater access to digital media and the internet, I would again like to urge you to please download the NI Safer Schools App – it really does provide us as adults with very important information and regular updates on tips and information to keeping our children and ourselves safe.

As we are very much aware, Covid is very much in the community and significantly adversely impacting now on staff and pupil attendance. We have been fortunate to secure substitute teaching cover today and will do our utmost to ensure Edendork P.S. will remain open for all classes this term. However, in the event of an appropriate number of staff not being available to the school due to sickness, classes may be asked to remain at home for a short period of time. You will be informed of this via Class Dojo when it is identified that there is no alternative. I can assure you, this contingency plan will only become operational when all other options have been exhausted and with health and safety of children, staff and the school community informing decisions made.

After schools commences on Monday 10th September from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for children in P.1. P.2 and P.3. The cost of this care is £3 per day per child with a maximum of £25 a week for a family. To ensure we have appropriate staffing, required places must be prebooked via the school secretary. It is intended that after schools' activities presented will take place as much as possible outside so all children attending should wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

It is intended that Afterschools Gaelic football will commence for Key Stage 2 boys (P.5 to P.7) from 3p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday 12th January and every Wednesday thereafter until the Easter holidays (weather permitting). These are of no cost and will be presented by Liam Slater from Tyrone County Board.

Prior to Christmas, I was made aware by the PSNI that a complaint had been lodged in relation to parking outside the school at home times. Please note that parking on pavements is not only narrowing a busy road, is potentially preventing emergency services from reaching their destination in minimum time and is also preventing parents and their children from walking safely to and from the Parochial Hall carpark. Blocking entrances, including neighbours' driveways, has also been identified as potentially putting the health and safety of others, including children, at risk. The PSNI will be monitoring the situation over the coming weeks. Please inform child minders/grandparents collecting children that this will be occurring.

School holidays for this term are as follows: February 14th – 18th (Mid Term Break); March 17th (St. Patrick's Day)
April 14th – 22nd (Easter holidays)

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

A. Mc Alinden

Principal

