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*I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to a new year in Knocknagor Primary School. The children have settled really well in the new term. To the new children and their families, who have joined Knocknagor for the first time, can I extend a particular welcome to you.*

*We are looking forward to another successful year where our focus will be on providing the children with an excellent, well-rounded, education in an inclusive, caring and nurturing environment.*

*Can I remind everyone to drive with extreme care when coming to the school and to be mindful of local residents when parking.*

*If you have any queries or concerns over the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Best wishes, Mr J Cunningham, Principal*

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** – The school will receive extra funding for every child registered for free school meals. Please ensure that your child is registered, even if they don't want to receive free meals. Application forms are now available online from the Education Authority website or from the school office.

**FLU SEASON** – Please remember to teach your child how to use tissues and how to dispose of them. We can only do our best in school but this practice must be kept up at home. Our school nurses will be here on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.



**Please note we are a peanut & nut free school – We have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore it is vitally important that you do not send food to school that contains nut products.**

**THESE ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL**



## **FRIENDS & PARENTS REQUEST**

**EASYFUNDRAISING** - Could all parents please register for this website as the school can benefit from the savings:

**How does it work?** - easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Our retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

We have 3,790 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised over £28 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. Easy!

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**1. Get started** - Choose a cause to support then join for free

**2. Start shopping** - Visit retailers and then shop online as normal

**3. Raise donations** - Your cause receives free donations

**Child Protection** - *Please note that this Policy is updated each year and a copy can be found on the School web-site or a hard copy can be requested from the office.*

We in Knocknagor P.S. have a responsibility for the safeguarding and child protection of the children in our care and we will carry out this duty by providing a caring, supportive and safe environment, where each child is valued for his or her unique talents and abilities, and in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential. All staff, teaching and non-teaching should be alert to the signs of possible abuse and should know the procedures to be followed. Our Child Protection Policy sets out guidance on the action, which is required where abuse or harm to a child is suspected and outlines referral procedures within our school.

### **The School Safeguarding Team**

The following are members of the school's Safeguarding Team

- Chair of the Board of Governors (Mr Philip McGrade)
- Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mr Brendan McElholm)
- Principal and Deputy Designated Teacher (Mr John Cunningham)
- Designated Teacher (Mrs Cecelia McGuigan)

**The main role of the team is to:**

- Monitor and periodically audit the safeguarding and child protection arrangements in the school
- Identify any actions required to address audit findings or ETI inspection of its safeguarding/child protection arrangements
- Provide support for the Designated and Deputy Designated teachers in the exercise of their child protection responsibilities.

**School and ECO Council:** The elections have taken place and new school councillors have been elected and are ready to take up office for this academic school year. We congratulate all pupils elected and wish them well for their busy year ahead as they bring forward pupil ideas to Mrs McGuigan and Mr Cunningham. Certificates and badges will be presented to all councillors.

**Data Collection Forms / Voluntary Contributions:** Thank you to all of our parents who contributed to the voluntary donation to enable us to provide extra opportunities for the children during the year. Anybody who still has to leave their forms back can send them in to their class teacher this week. PE for children in P1 – P4 will take place every Tuesday. Matthew McConkey will be doing sessions aimed at developing the children's Fundamental Movement Skills.

**Seesaw:** We will begin using 'Seesaw' from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of October with all classes. All individual login passwords and information leaflets will be given to all children.

If you are experiencing difficulties with the App please contact Mr Cunningham and I will do my best to help.

### **Quick Start Guide for Students**

Children should download the Seesaw Class app (free) or visit [Seesaw.me](https://seesaw.me)

Choose I'm a Student.

Enter the home learning code received from the teacher into the Text Code box at the bottom of the screen.

Once logged in, check the Journal view on the left hand side of your screen to see if your teacher has assigned work to you. If the work you have been assigned doesn't show up here, click the Activities tab. Click +Add Response to work on the activity. Press the green tick to submit your work when you are finished.

If your teacher hasn't assigned a task within Seesaw but has asked you to take a photo of some work you have complete for example press +Add button. Choose which format of work you want to add.

Check the Inbox to see if you have any announcements from your teacher.

Students sign out by clicking on their name/avatar in the top left hand corner of the screen, then click the cog and then sign out.

