



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 20th January 2023



“Learning never exhausts the mind” — Leonardo Da Vinci

1. Applying for a P1 Place at Cregagh Primary School for September 2023

School Age

Children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 will be due to start Primary One in September 2023 as they will be of compulsory school age and Parents/Guardians must apply for a place in a primary school. The School Age (NI) Act became law in Northern Ireland on 28 April 2022 and has changed the law to allow the parents/guardians of younger children in the year group a choice to defer their child starting primary school by one year should they wish to do so.

This applies only to children:

- Born on or between 1 April 2019 and 1 July 2019 **or**
- Born before 1 April 2019 but due to be born on or after 1 April 2019 if born at term (Medical evidence must be provided).

Parents of these children can decide to defer P1 for one year and apply for pre-school.

Further information on Deferral of School Starting Age is available on the Department of Education website under *School Starting Age*.

Applying

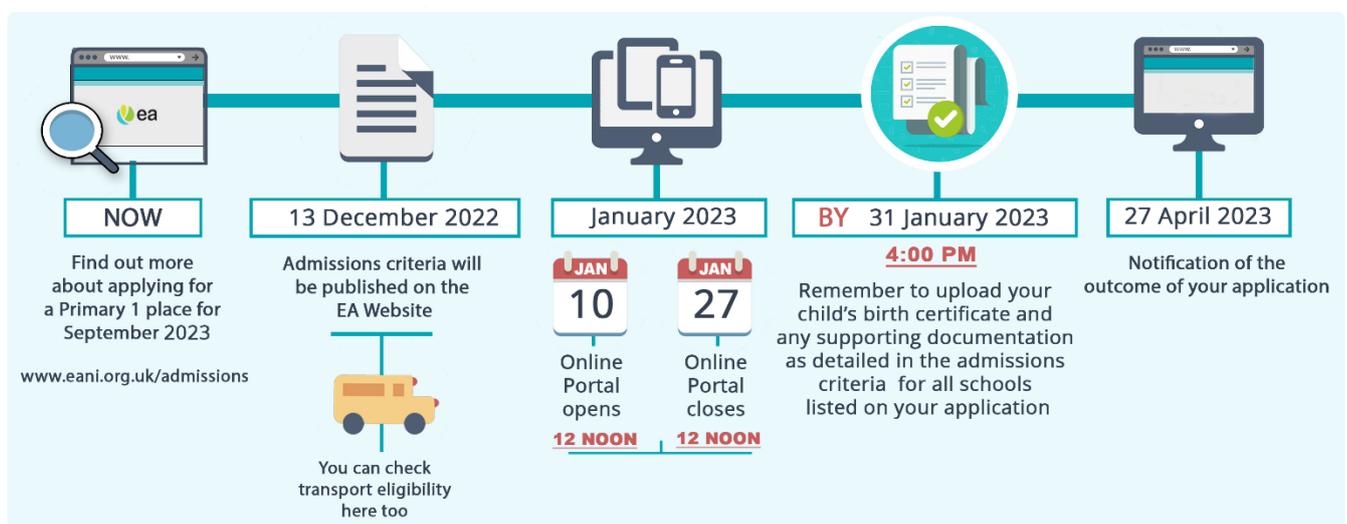
The EA Connect School Applications portal will open at **12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023** and close at **12.00 noon on Friday 27 January 2023**.



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class



2. **Lois Corbett Family Worker** – Lois is our school's family support worker. She is simply here to give parents a helping hand and offer some advice over a relaxed cup of tea or coffee. If you haven't connected with her yet, you should try to: she's lovely and very helpful! Lois is happy to help Cregagh Pre-school parents with their applications for P1 if they find they need help – just text her on 07526915747 and introduce yourself 😊

3. Whole Body Health Week

Next week pupils will be taking part in a 'Whole Body Health week' this will be a fun filled week focusing on living a healthy lifestyle. There will be lessons on mindfulness and promoting a healthy lifestyle. On **Wednesday 25th of January**, pupils are encouraged to wear a 'sporty outfit' including trainers to take part in dress up for Dance fit. A £1 donation would be greatly appreciated.



4. P5, P6 and P7 trip to Ulster Folk and Transport Museum – Thursday 26th January

Cregagh PS has received funding from the Ulster Scots Agency to be able to visit the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. The pupils are required to bring a packed lunch, coat and snack for break. Permission slips went home on Friday 20th for parents to sign and return to their child's teacher.

5. Ulster Scots School Trip to Belfast City Hall – Friday 27th January 2023

Next Friday, P1 to P6 pupils (P7 are visiting Breda Academy) have been invited to Belfast City Hall to take part in a day of exciting music, drama and dance with the Ulster Scots Agency. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and a coat on the day. Permission slips will be going home next week.

*** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR ***

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th January

Health and Wellbeing Week in school.

Tuesday 24th January

P7 visiting Wellington College to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Thursday 26th January

P5, P6 & P7 visit to Ulster Folk and Transport Museum

Friday 27th January

P7 at Breda Academy for Breda Bonanza

**Monday 13th February to
Friday 17th February**

Half-term break (5 school days)

Friday 26th May

Sports Day

Thursday 22nd June

Final Assembly for P3-P7 pupils (parents/carers welcome)

Friday 23rd June

P1 & P2 Prize Day (parents/carers welcome)

Deaf Units 1 & 2 Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th June

P7s last day of school

P7 Awards Ceremony & Celebration (evening)

