



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 13th January 2023



“I never dreamed about success. I worked for it.” —Estée Lauder

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

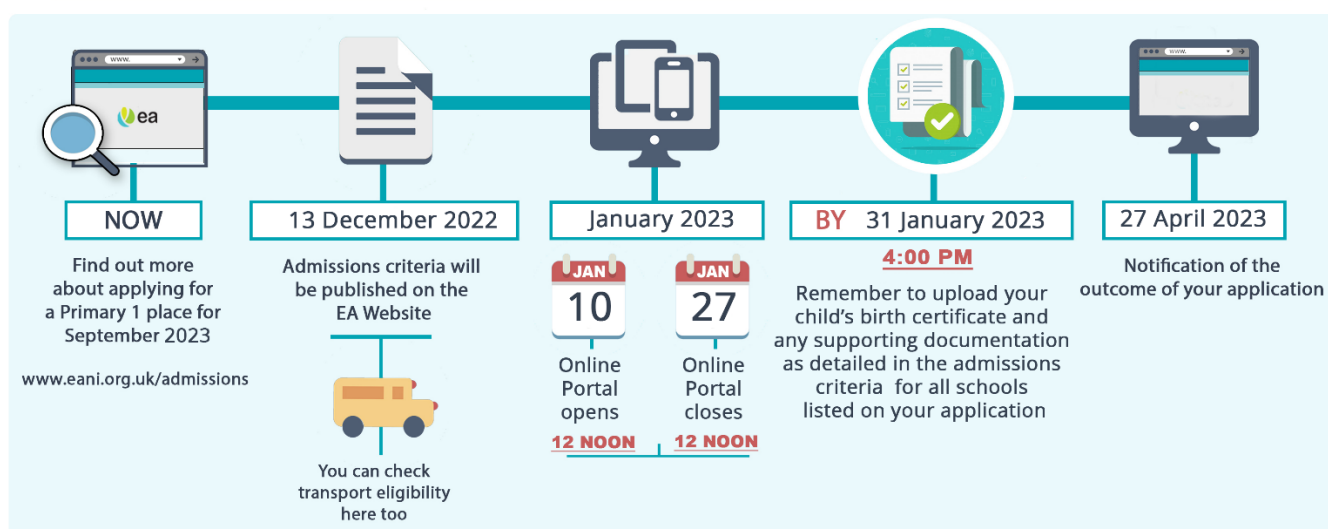
The EA Connect School Applications portal will open at **12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023** and close at **12.00 noon on Friday 27 January 2023**.



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. Whole Body Health Week

Week commencing 23rd January, pupils and staff will be taking part in a 'Whole Body Health week' this will be a fun filled week focusing on living 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 as we save to purchase new equipment.

3. **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 😊

4. **After-School Clubs for P4 – P7 pupils (January-March)**

After-school clubs will start back next week. Ideally, registration forms have already been returned but Monday morning 16th January is the final deadline. Please note that returning a form does not automatically mean a child has a place in a particular club. Teachers will inform children of the club or clubs that they have been given a place in. The school office will also let parents know by way of text message

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

Monday 16th January	After-school activities re-start for P4-P7 pupils
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) ***NEW***

