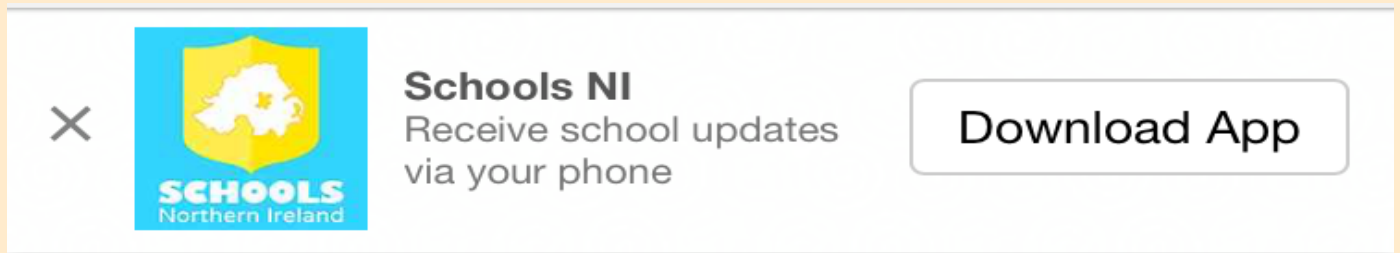


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If you have not already done so please download our school app.

Our school is listed in the **Schools NI** app, which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The app is available on both **Apple** and **Android** devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar events and letters.

To install the app, open www.eglintonps.co.uk on your phone or tablet and click the 'Download App' button that appears at the top of the screen.



Get school updates via your phone

Next time you open the Schools NI App our school will be listed at the top of the list. You don't need to have the app to open to receive messages.

Once again we encourage families to do as many transactions at once to avoid additional transaction costs to school. For example, when booking dinners for the week/month, SPARK Club and Breakfast club could also be reserved.

A gentle reminder to all parents, please book your child in on time or dinner using the school Money App. This greatly assists planning ahead for catering and ensures all children get the same choice of meals.

Increasingly, teachers are being contacted in the evenings on social media sites. Please be aware, in line with our safeguarding and e-safety policy, this is not an appropriate way to contact a member of staff. Staff cannot respond

to contact initiated in this way. If you have a matter you would like to discuss with the Principal or Teacher, please make an appointment through the school office for a mutually convenient time.



It has come to our attention that parents are using WhatsApp groups to communicate. Whilst we understand these can be very useful, please remember, it is always necessary to be kind and courteous. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

The School Day begins at 9:00am. To enable a prompt start, please ensure that your child is in the classroom, ready to begin work at this time. Supervision will be available in the classroom from 8.45am onwards. Children arriving at school before this time will be supervised in the Hall at breakfast club. This service is available from 8:00am with a charge of £1 per family, breakfast can be purchased in addition to this on our School Money App.

Yr 1/ Yr 2

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 arriving in school at 8.45am should enter school via the Year 1 and Year 2 door which is just through the 'Big Gate' to the right side of the main entrance.

Children arriving before 8.45am should use the 'Side Door' and go into the Dining Hall where adult supervision will be available.

Yr 3 – Yr 7

- Children in Year 3 to Year 7 will continue to come into school using their classroom 'back door', walking around the outside of the building.
- Children arriving before 8.45am should go into the Dining Hall where adult supervision will be available.

We encourage all children to come in by themselves and make their own way to the Hall or classroom. Parents who need to speak with the class teacher will still be able to do so by making an appointment through the school office. Unfortunately teachers are not always available in the morning as they are very busy greeting the children and starting the morning routines with their class.



Access to school after 9.00am is via the main entrance, where children are required to sign in.

Cycle to School Week



Next week 3rd - 7th October we are participating in the Sustrans Cycle to School Week.

Cycle to School Week is a week-long event where pupils, families and teachers try cycling or scooting to school.

Let's see how many people

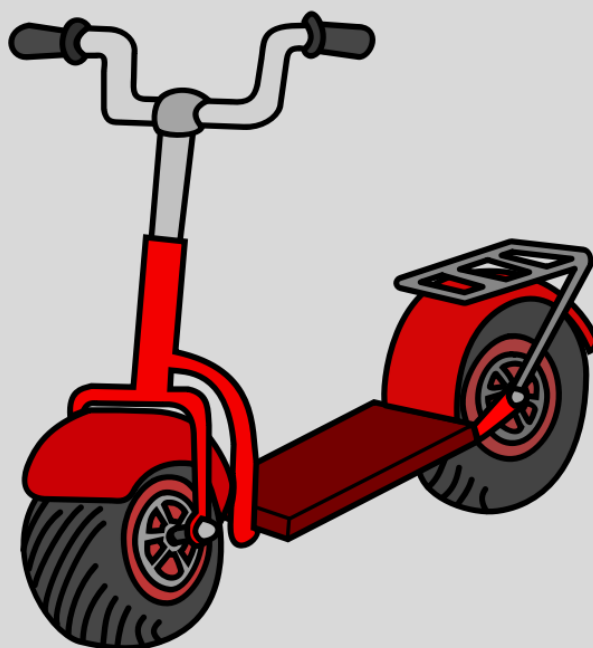
we can get cycling and scooting!

Being active on the way to school has many benefits including:

- Feeling more energised
- Helping the environment by replacing a car journey
- Improving local air quality
- Reducing traffic around the school

Here are some tips to make it more fun:

- ◇ Check that your bicycle or scooter is safe to ride
- ◇ Choose a safe route to school
- ◇ Put on your helmet
- ◇ Meet up with friends
- ◇ Encourage family members to join in too





Road Safety

The traffic coming through the village in the morning is very heavy, fast, and dangerous. Please take extra care when crossing the road and using the footpaths. If you have a High Vis vest, please wear this so that you can be seen clearly - particularly as the mornings

will soon be getting darker. School has reported these concerns to the Department of Infrastructure and we have welcomed support from the PSNI and local MLAs. We will continue to do everything we can to make the road outside our school and through the village as safe as possible for all families in the community.

Please encourage and demonstrate road safety techniques with your children, for example, always using the footpaths and the zebra crossings around the school grounds. Bicycles and scooters must only be used in safe places away from pedestrians and people waiting on their children.



We are excited to have our PTA up and running again and looking forward to planning some events this year. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6th October at 7pm. We would love to get as many parents involved as possible in any capacity you feel able to contribute.

Dates for your diary!

Mon 3rd Oct	Cycle to school week	
Thurs 6th Oct	PTA meeting 7pm	
Monday 17th Oct	Maths Week	
Mon 31st—Fri 4th Nov	Half Term	Children should not attend
Monday 14th Nov	Odd Socks Day + Anti-bullying week	
Wednesday 21st Dec	Half Day—Start of Christmas Holiday	