



Building a Legacy

30 September 2020

Dear Parent

Goodness me, we've made it through one month already - please give yourself a big pat on the back! Seriously, well done to everyone for the opening of school so far. Let's just keep the routines intact and everyone safe, especially as we move towards the colder weather.

Seesaw

Thank you for your cooperation to date and I hope that this 'experimental' period of Seesaw use will prove successful. Please remember that this is a learning platform, not a social media one; the teachers at Andrews are guided by strict professional protocols and these will remain in place through whatever learning media the school chooses to adopt. We will be communicating more detail on its use in the coming weeks.

P1 & 2 Parents

As the number of Covid cases rises in Northern Ireland and with a month of school under our belts, we feel that the (in normal circumstances, very welcome) practice of P1 and P2 parents coming into the building needs to cease, as of the end of this week. The children are well settled and they are happy and safe in school. Encouraging their independence is very much at the heart of this period of the year, so we hope that you will respect our wishes and remain outside. You may still bring the children to the main P1/2 entrance to be greeted by a member of staff. Please remember to keep your distance around the entrance.

PE kit

As you know, we requested last week that children come to school in PE kit on their PE days. Lots of you are aware, too, that 'Tribal Branding' in Comber has hoodies and zoodies available in AMPS colours - see the website for these and our normal uniform at <https://tribalbranding.shop/collections/andrews-memorial-primary-school> These are great for this purpose and we welcome their availability. However, please note that these items do not replace the school uniform. They are simply items you can purchase by choice for wearing to school on/during PE lessons. Our uniform remains the same - polo shirts and sweatshirts with grey trousers/skirts.

Staff news

To finish today, two related and lovely pieces of news... Mrs Atherton is pregnant with her second child and will be starting her maternity leave after Christmas. Mrs Ambrose has just let us know today that she has given birth to a second son. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing both very happiness from our own wonderful AMPS family.

Kind regards and stay safe.

Ralph Magee