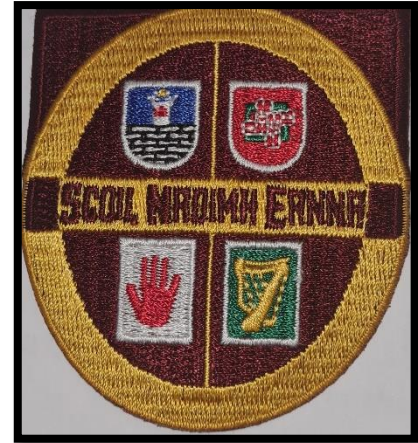


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Return to School Newsletter

Fáilte romhaibh go léir, tá súil agam go mbeadh bliain iontach eile againn le chéile.

A very warm welcome back to all of our school community, pupils, parents and staff alike. I hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for another wonderful year together. A very special welcome must go to our new 28 Junior Infant Pupils and their families, particularly those who are new to our school. We hope your time with us is full of joy, learning and friendship.

School Uniform

Consultations have begun with the Parent Support Group around uniforms and making them more accessible to everyone. This will widen to the whole parental body in the coming months. Children can of course wear their full formal school uniform. However, for the coming school year, children will be permitted to wear their school tracksuit at all times. This consists of maroon jumper(crested if possible, crests are available for €3 in the school office as an alternative), grey **non- branded** trousers (leggings and branded trousers are **not** permitted), grey t-shirt with collar, shoes/runners. Please ensure that your child can tie their laces if they have laces in their shoes, if they cannot tie them, please have velcro shoes or a similar alternative. We ask that children wear the **correct** uniform for the entirety of the school year, this will be monitored and **enforced**. As I have said, we are trying to make the uniform accessible and comfortable for all of our children, whilst still instilling a sense of pride in themselves and their school. Your support in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

School Bus

Children travelling on the school bus must wear their seatbelt and remain in their seat for the entirety of their journey to school. Children also enter the school in the morning, at the bus gate, the lower most gate, closest to the cross roads. This is the safest entry point for

them. Any misbehaviours on the bus will be reported to the bus inspector.

School Day

The Infant day begins at 9.20am and finishes at 2pm. From 1st to 6th Classes, the school day begin at 9.20am and finishes at 3pm. The school gates will be opened at 9.15am each morning by a member of staff. Children are not permitted to enter school grounds before that. We kindly ask that you do not leave your children un-supervised outside the school gate in the morning time as the road is busy and supervision does not start until 9.15am. Your continued support in this regard is much appreciated. Collection arrangements will remain the same, children will not be released without a parent coming to the school gate at 3pm. Children without siblings in the school will be collected by a parent/guardian at the side gate, closest to the parish hall and siblings will be collected at the main gate. If you wish that your child goes to the car independently , please request a permission slip from the school office on Wednesday 30th August for this arrangement. We are most grateful for your continued support in implementing these safety measures.

Medical Information

We are updating our list of children who have any allergies or medical needs. Please email the school if your child has any allergies, asthma, or any other medical needs.

Nuts: Children are not permitted to take nuts/nut products to school. There are pupils who have nut allergies in our school.

School Website and Social Media

Our school Facebook page and our website are regularly updated with photos and information. As you can imagine, there is a huge amount of work that goes into this behind the scenes. Please interact with us and regularly check for updates on school life!

Class Allocation

Junior Infants (Room 1) Ms Doherty

Senior Infants (Room 2) Mrs Gamble

Rang 1(Room 3) Ms Hand with Ms Callan to return later in the year

Rang 2 (Room 4) Ms Kelly

Rang 3 (Room 8) TBC and Ms Daly to return later in the year

Rang 4 (Room 5) Ms Comiskey

Rang 5 (Room 7) Mrs Mooney

Rang 6 (Room 6) Ms R. Lambe

SET Ms A. Lambe and TBC

Garda Vetting

We are so lucky to have such a willingness in our parental body to help out when needed and we are so grateful as this helps offset the costs of buses on trips, sporting occasions and sacramental preparation to name but a few. In line with best practice, we are asking that as many of our parents get Garda Vetted for the incoming school year. Many of you are already vetted through other organisations but in order to take part in school activities, you must be vetted through the school/diocese. Please see instructions below to begin the process and the form will be attached to this email.

1. Parent fills out 'Vetting Invitation Form' (Attached)
2. Parent returns this to the school with proof of identity (passport, new card type driving licence, National Identity Card) and proof of address, (utility bill or licence).
3. School Principal checks Vetting Invitation Form and retains a copy of all required documentation.
4. Principal fills out request for vetting part of form and sends to Diocese Safeguarding Vetting Office in Monaghan.
5. Following processing of the form, parents will receive an email inviting him/her to complete the full vetting application form NVB1 online which must be completed in the stated timeframe.
6. National Vetting Bureau processes the application and forwards vetting disclosure to Authorised Signatory – Diocese Safeguarding Vetting Office.
7. The Authorised Signatory will review and email vetting disclosure to Principal who gives a copy of the disclosure to the parent
8. To note: an email address is required for this process. If you do not have an email address, please contact the school for further assistance.

Stationary Lists

Itemised stationary lists and bills will be issued to relevant classes in September. Insurance and annual contribution breakdown will also be issued and collected in September.

Swimming

Reminder to send swimming money to office ASAP please.

Homework

Homework and the homework journal/sheet are an important home school link. Homework will be very clearly laid out on the homework sheet in the infant classes. From 1st Class onwards, children will write down their homework every day in their homework journal. Please ensure that this is signed each evening. We are currently trialling a new spellings programme and until the finer details are ironed out in practice, there will be no spelling

homework from 1st Class onwards for the month of September. There will be no written homework in September but a focus on reading, tables and learning homework. This is a chance to really set good habits for the year and place an importance on these fundamentals for the year ahead. If your child is finding a particular aspect of homework challenging or is spending a huge amount of time on homework, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Appointments

Meetings with class teachers and school principal will be by appointment only. This ensures everyone gets a fair time slot. The first port of call for classroom matters should always be the class teacher. Please make appointments through the school office by phone or email. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

Unexpected Closure

Due to a power outage on 4th of September, notified by the ESB, the school will be closed on this date.

We look forward to another academic year of fun and learning together as a school community.

Tús maith leath na hoibre.

Is mise le meas,

Emer Quinn

Principal