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17th June, 2026

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

On behalf of Maynooth Post Primary School may we take this opportunity to wish you and your child an enjoyable summer and that they return to us in September refreshed and ready for the new academic year in 2026/2027.

Our 2026/2027 2nd – 6th Year Summer Packs are now available on the Maynooth Post Primary website. Please visit www.mpps.ie and click on the NEWS tab on the top toolbar and then click on the relevant pack.

Please find included in the online summer pack the following for your information:

- School Calendar 2026/2027
- Uniform Letter
- TYRO Information Guide
- Social Media Information Letter
- Junior Cycle Information Leaflet (1st – 3rd only)
- Wellbeing at Junior Cycle Information Leaflet
- SPHE /Lifeskills programme Information (5th & 6th Years only)
- SPHE Leaflet (for all other years)
- Book Scheme information for 2nd – 6th Years & pricelist should you need to replace any book etc.
- Link to Senior Cycle Reform Information (for 5th and TY students) https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/senior-cycle-redevelopment/
- Device Information and Wriggle Parent Pack (for 5th years)

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School Books: The School Book Scheme has been extended to all year groups from Sept 2025.

All books for your child **bar the novels for Junior Cycle English & additional Texts for Senior Cycle English** will be provided by the school. Please ensure that you read the Book Scheme Policy carefully and understand your responsibilities around same.
If you wish to opt out of the Book Scheme and purchase your child's books please email either –

Senior Cycle Book co-ordinator Ms Kellie Lohan k.lohan@mpps.ie
Junior Cycle Book co-ordinator Mr Jonny Hanlon j.hanlon@mpps.ie

to inform us of same – please note Maynooth Bookshop stocks all school books and novels on our lists.

You will be contacted in early August by the school re collection days for Books & Stationery.

Please check your child's subject choices before purchasing books.

Uniform:

The uniform, supplied by SAVI Clothing (www.schoolwear.ie), consists of a school jacket, school jumper , tie, blue shirt, a kilt/ navy trousers for girls and navy trousers for boys.

Please see the important **Uniform Letter** in the information pack on the website.

The wonderful MPPS PTA are organising a second-hand uniform sale for both schools on **Monday 29th June from 6pm-8pm.** This sale will take place in the main hall of Maynooth Post Primary School. (Unfortunately, swapping cannot be facilitated at this time). We would ask you to please consider donating any uniform items that are no longer needed. All funds raised will go towards student activities in MPPS. Donations can be dropped to the Main Office up until Tuesday 23rd June.

All students are required to wear the school jacket as part of their uniform. Non-uniform jackets will not be accepted.

Please note students are obliged to wear dark coloured i.e. Black or Navy leather or leather look FORMAL shoes. <u>All black trainers or runners are NOT permitted.</u>

Boots/Runners/Trainers are not allowed as part of the school uniform. Samples of suitable and unsuitable footwear are enclosed in the information pack on the website to assist you in your choice.

<u>P.E. Uniform</u>:

The PE uniform will be supplied by Masita. Please see link here to order same:

https://schoolsportsuniforms.ie/collections/maynooth-education-campus

The PE uniform includes the following:

- Half ZipTop
- Tracksuit bottoms (Choice of two styles)
- T Shirt

Students will be permitted to wear their PE uniform ONLY on the days they are timetabled for PE. Strictly no other sports gear will be permitted.

Students will need to have runners for use during PE class only. **Please note "Converse" or "Vans" type runners are not permitted for PE class.**

It is advisable to name tag all items of uniform and PE uniform.

For parents/guardians who qualify please contact the HSE in regard to the '***<u>Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme 2026'.</u>***

The school has a small quantity of uniforms which may be distributed to parents who require assistance in this regard. Please contact the school office, in confidence, if you need to avail of this service.

Mobile Phones/Internet:

Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed in the school. However, in exceptional circumstances prior written permission of the Principal may be granted for the use of a phone. When permission is granted the phone must be switched off at all times during school hours.

School Journal:

- The journal must be available at all times for inspection by either the school staff or parents.
- The journal must be maintained properly and students are not permitted to draw on or otherwise deface the journal or its cover.
- All homework both written and oral must be recorded in the journal each day.
- All notes from parents to Subject Teachers / Year Head must be written in this journal.
- At the end of the academic year, the journal will be presented for final inspection to the class tutor.
- Parents/ Guardians and Tutors are required to check daily and to sign the journal on a weekly basis.

Locker Lock & Personal code:

Please note all students will receive a coded lock (for student lockers) when they commence in the school in August. **Students are responsible for keeping their individual code safe and their locker fully locked and secure at all times**. Only the black school issued locks are permitted – lost or misplaced locks carry a €20 replacement fee.

The school takes no responsibility for any books or items lost or taken from unlocked lockers.

TYRO:

Please find in your summer pack on the website, a brief explanation of how to access the school electronic information system known as **TYRO**.

The school uses this system to record student attendance, behaviour, assessment results and contact information. This will allow you access as Parent / Guardian to view your child's timetable, monitor attendance and view school reports. This system will also send a text message to you if your child is absent from the school in the morning.

You should have already received your email invite from TYRO to join our system; the email you gave on enrolment is your username; you will be prompted to create your own password. Please keep this in a safe place. Please inform us if your email address has changed.

Email ceire.murphy@mpps.ie if you are not yet on the TYRO system for MPPS.

Please note that our main form of communication to Parents/Guardians takes place through the use of the TYRO App. This App allows us to send messages with links to letters, timetables and all forms of notifications that we use to keep you up to date with. The App is free to download and can be downloaded on an Android or iPhone by going to the App Store and searching for the TYRO App.

All forms of communication from August will take place via the app.

Please see the TYRO guides under the Parents Tab on our website for further instructions.

Any issues accessing TYRO from August 2026 – please email j.murphy@mpps.ie

Schedule for return of students for the start of the school year:

• **Thursday 27th August 2026**	**1.34pm – 3.30pm** 3rd, 5th & 6th Students only
• **Friday 28th August 2026**	**8.30am – 1.02pm** 1st Year Students only
• **Monday 31st August 2026**	**8.30am – 1.04pm** All students except Transition Year
• **Tuesday 1st September 2026**	**8.30am – 1.04pm** All students including Transition Year
• **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**	**8.30am – 3.30pm** All students in – full day

The school day will run from 8.30am to 3.30pm Mon-Thurs and from 8.30am to 1.02pm on Friday.

School will begin every morning at 8.30am and classes will run as follows:

Monday to Thursday:	Time:
• Class	8.30am– 9.28am
Tutorial	**9.28am – 9.40am**
• Class	9.40am – 10.38am
Break	10.38am – 11.08am
• Class	11.08am – 12.06pm
• Class	12.06pm – 1.04pm
Lunch	1.04pm – 1.34pm
• Class	1.34pm – 2.32pm
• Class	2.32pm – 3.30pm

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Friday:	Time:
• Class	8.30am– 9.28am
Tutorial	**9.28am – 9.38am**
• Class	9.38am – 10.36am
Break	10.36am – 11.06am
• Class	11.06am – 12.04pm
• Class	12.04pm – 1.02pm

Digital Device roll out for 5th Years

Maynooth Post Primary continues to lead the way in innovative and proactive, student-centred teaching and learning with its launch of devices for our incoming 5th Year students. This is a significant investment in digital learning and reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a modern, inclusive and future focused education for every student. We are determined that our students are prepared for the world beyond school and we believe this initiative will help further develop their digital literacy skills, independent learning, critical thinking skills and responsible device use. As with everything we do here in MPP, this initiative is centred in equity as much as excellence – every student deserves access to the tools that will help them succeed. Multiple payment options are available through our provider Wriggle. However, if there are any financial constraints then please contact Mr Nevin, directly and in confidence, via the following email principal@mpps.ie

As you are aware, Senior Cycle Reform is currently underway and the first tranche of changes began in September 2025; another seven newly redesigned subjects will be implemented in September 2026 (see https://ncca.ie/en/senior-cycle/senior-cycle-redevelopment/schedule-of-senior-cycle-subjects-for-redevelopment/ for further details).

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In order to meet the steady increase in project-based work and AACs for the Leaving Certificate across all subjects, it is vital that our students have the tools to research, draft, present and reflect on their work effectively, without delay or constraint. We are proud to be proactive rather than reactive in preparing our students for these constantly evolving and changing demands.

Please note that we will be hosting a **Drop-In clinic for incoming 5th year students on Wednesday 26th August 11am – 1pm**, if they have any issues setting up their devices etc.

We are looking forward to your child returning to our school in August to continue their educational journey in Maynooth Post Primary School.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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