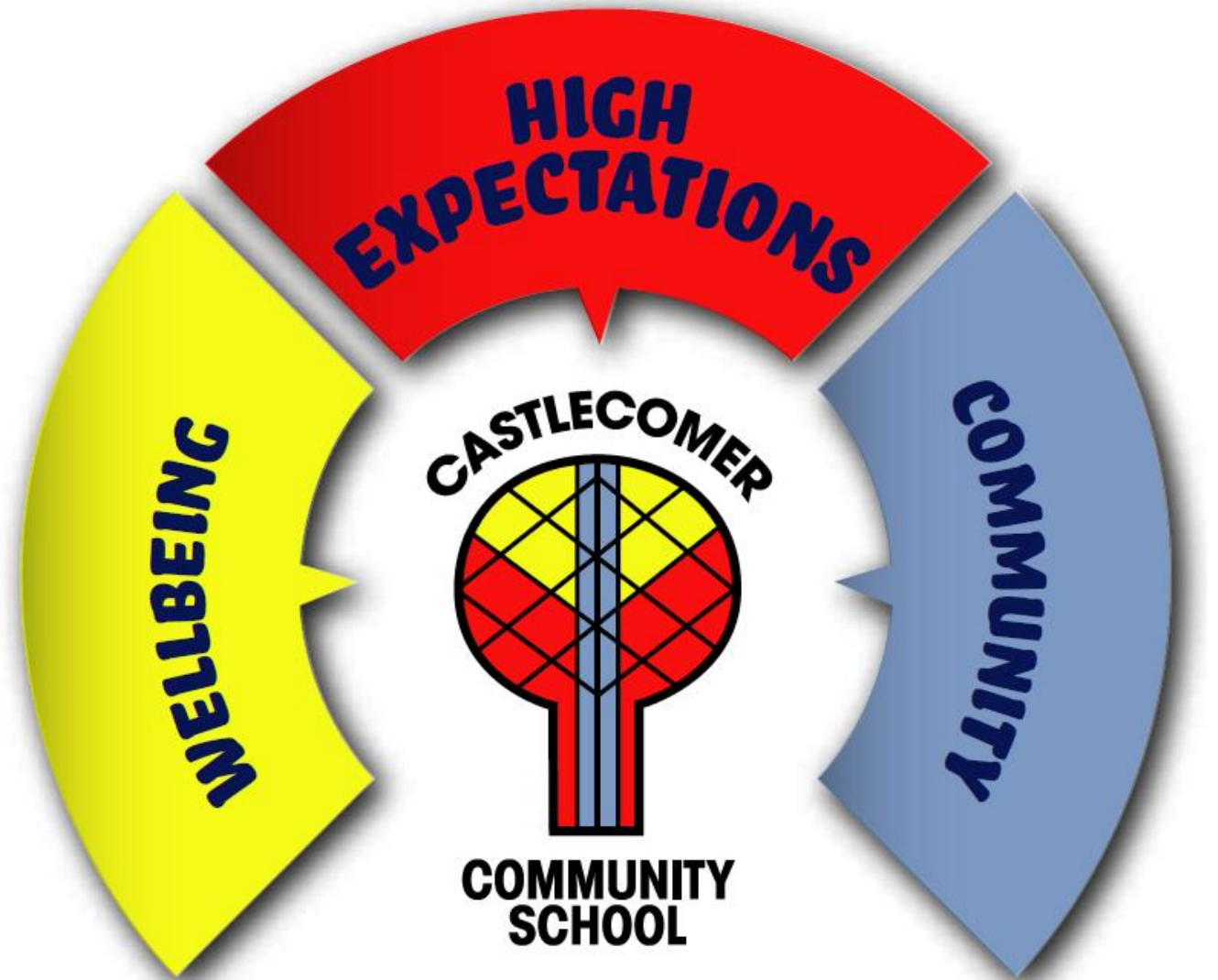
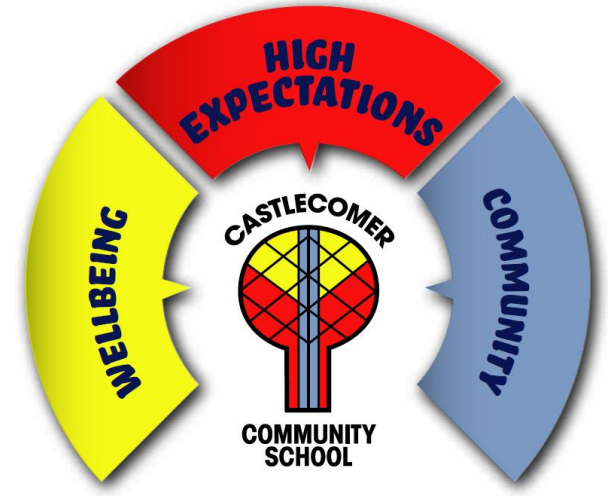


Welcome To
Castlecomer
Community School

Incoming 1st Year Night
6th May 2026

Mr. P. Murphy - Principal





High Expectations

Community

Wellbeing



wellbeing

Student Voice:

Aria and Niall

1st Year Student Starter Pack

- **Options for 1st Year**
- **Uniform List**
- **VShare information letter**
- **Link to these slides will be texted out after**
- **New school website: www.castlecomercs.com**

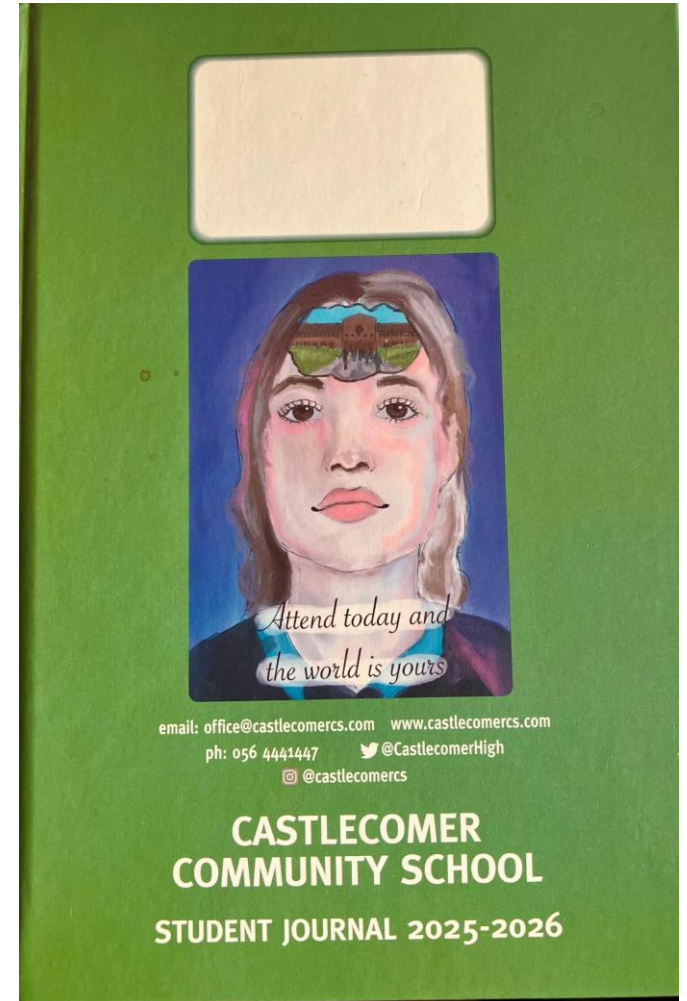
Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools

- 4th year in Programme
- School Meals Programme
- Increased Guidance Hours
- Home School Liaison Person
- School Completion Officer
- Hear Scheme (Higher Education) for more of our students
- Scholarships and STEM for Girls (NUIM)



Our Green Book

- All relevant codes and policies
- Homework Diary
- Must have in school every day



Uniform

- Uniform list in envelope
- **Uniform Sales Dates**
(in school)
- *8th July 6 – 8:30 pm*
- *12th August 6 – 8:30 pm.*

Tracksuit sizing

- *Tuesday 16th June from 3pm to 5.30pm*
- **Ordering via O’Neill’s online portal** (details will be sent out)



Deck shoes are a style, not a brand.
Various price levels available.

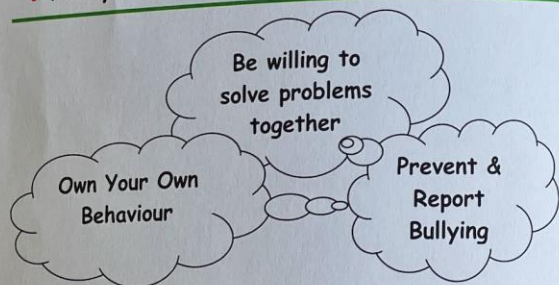


Behaviour

Standards of

• In General

- ✓ Attend School
- ✓ Be on time for class
- ✓ Queue Properly
- ✓ Enter and Exit class quietly
- ✓ Take Care of all property
- ✓ Dispose of Rubbish in bins
- ✓ Always do your best
- ✓ Show good manners



- ✓ Try to take part in discussions
- ✓ Ask for help when you need it
- ✓ Say Please and Thank You
- ✓ Be mannerly in class work
- ✓ Work without direct supervision
- ✓ Be willing to follow instructions

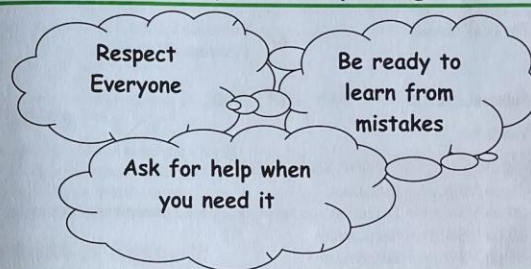


• When In Class

Behaviour What our school expects of everyone

• On Learning

- ✓ Settle at the start of lessons
- ✓ Stay ON task
- ✓ Do homework
- ✓ Make honest efforts at all times
- ✓ Complete work with pride
- ✓ Hands up before speaking



- ✓ Be mannerly
- ✓ Think Green
- ✓ Show respect for the environment you are in
- ✓ Appreciate that others are doing their jobs at these times



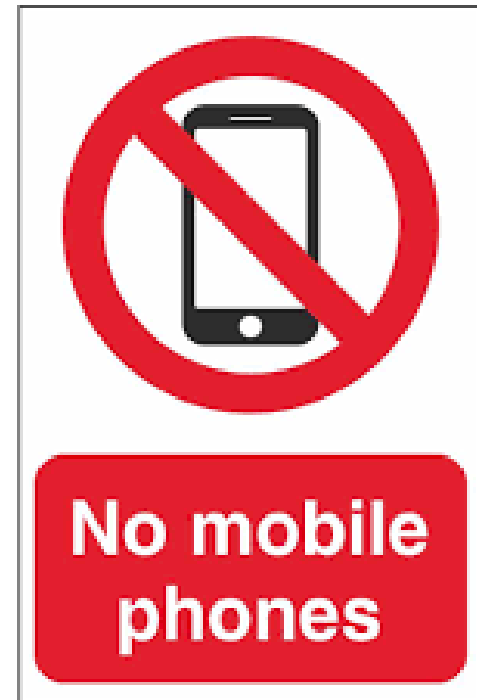
• When Out of Class (lunch hour, trips, bus, etc.)

- High expectations of positive behaviour
- Poor behaviour not tolerated
- Full details in Green Book

Phone Policy

Students should not bring their phones to school.

Can use school phone 8:00 – 16:30.



Attendance is key

- Good attendance = good performance in school
- A casual attitude towards attendance is neglecting your child's education

If your child misses a morning or afternoon roll call, you will receive an SMS

If your child has to leave before the end of the school day:

- Reason for signing out must be in the Green Book
- This note must be signed the Year Head or Deputy Principal by 9 am
- The student must show this note at the office when signing out
- For health and safety reasons, parents must collect their child from the school
- In case of emergency, phone school office
- 1st to 3rd years not allowed downtown at lunchtime

10 Subjects Examined At End Of 3rd Year:

Irish/English/Maths/History

French/Science/Geography/Religion/Option 1/Option 2

Junior **CYCLE**

Sampling Sept to Nov – change of mind form then

CBA (classroom-based assessments):

2 per subject spread out over 2nd and 3rd year

In-school Assessments

Christmas and Summer Exams

For ongoing assessment check VShare and Green Book

Wellbeing Subjects

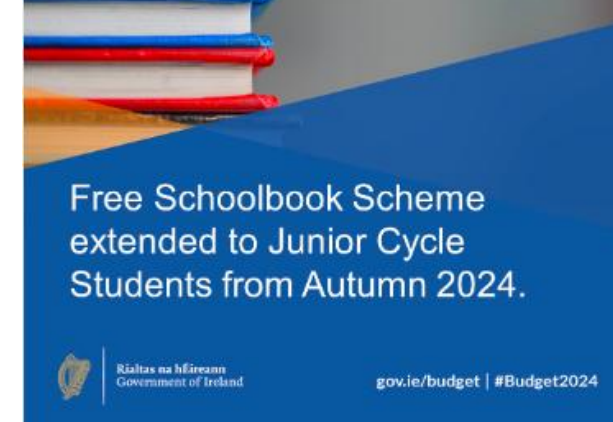
- PE
- SPHE
- CSPE
- Computers
- Guidance

**400 hours of
Wellbeing over
Junior Cycle**

Free Book Scheme

What is provided:

- All textbooks and workbooks
- 12 copies
- CCS Green Book
- Maths formulae book
- Calculator
- Geometry set
- Certain subject specific items



What is not provided:

- Pens, pencils etc
- Book wallets
- Any replacements
- Certain subject specific items

Books remain the property of the school at all times and must be returned in good order

Lockers

- Students must have a lock on their locker
- Spare key can be left with their Year Head
- > €300 worth of books
- Organisation is important!!



School Canteen

- Hot breakfast available from 8:15
- 1 free item (sandwich/soup/scone) at 10:45
- Main meal at lunchtime for just €2.20
- Key fob payment system
- Free fruit all day
- Some other healthy items available to purchase
- Water fountains available



The
School Food
C O M P A N Y

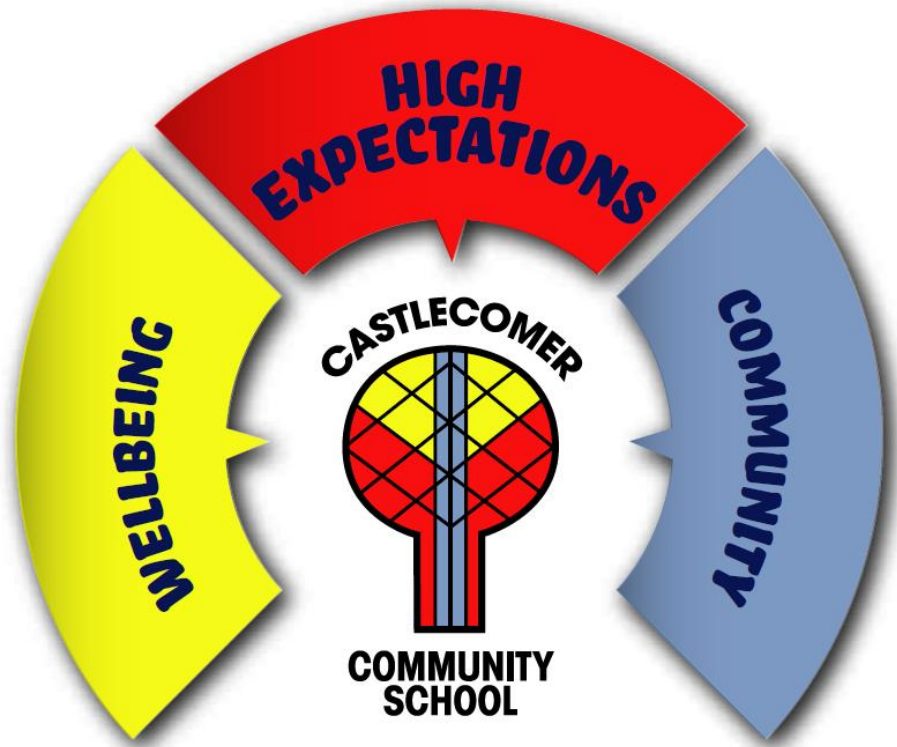


- Get involved
- You train you play
- €10 for bus
- Catch up on homework
- Hurling, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Ladies Football, Basketball, Athletics, Handball, Golf

Extra-Curricular



Choir, Music Lessons, Musical, Trad Band, Science Club, Scifest, Young Scientist, Debating, Games club, Extra – and Co-curricular trips, School tours



R. Morris – Deputy Principal

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School Day in CCS

Mon - Thurs

8:45 – Period 1
9:45 – Period 2
10:45 – Break (15 mins)
11:00 – Tutor time
11:05 – Period 3
12:05 – Period 4
13:05 – Period 5 ($\frac{1}{2}$)
13:35 – Lunch (40 mins)
14:15 – Period 5 ($\frac{1}{2}$)
14:45 – Period 6
15:45 – School finishes

1-hour lessons

Lesson 5 is “split”

Friday

8:45 – Period 1
9:45 – Period 2
10:45 – Break (20 mins)
11:05 – Period 3
12:05 – Period 4
13:05 – School finishes

Digital Literacy



All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to join us in Castlecomer Library

Tuesday

10:00–12:00

Starts: 5 May (join any week)

**To book a place call or text
Carmel: 087 192 0840**

We will look at:

- VShare app
- the Food Company app
- the school website
- the school Instagram page
- sending emails and attachments



Postcard with details in your pack



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VShare app – download free

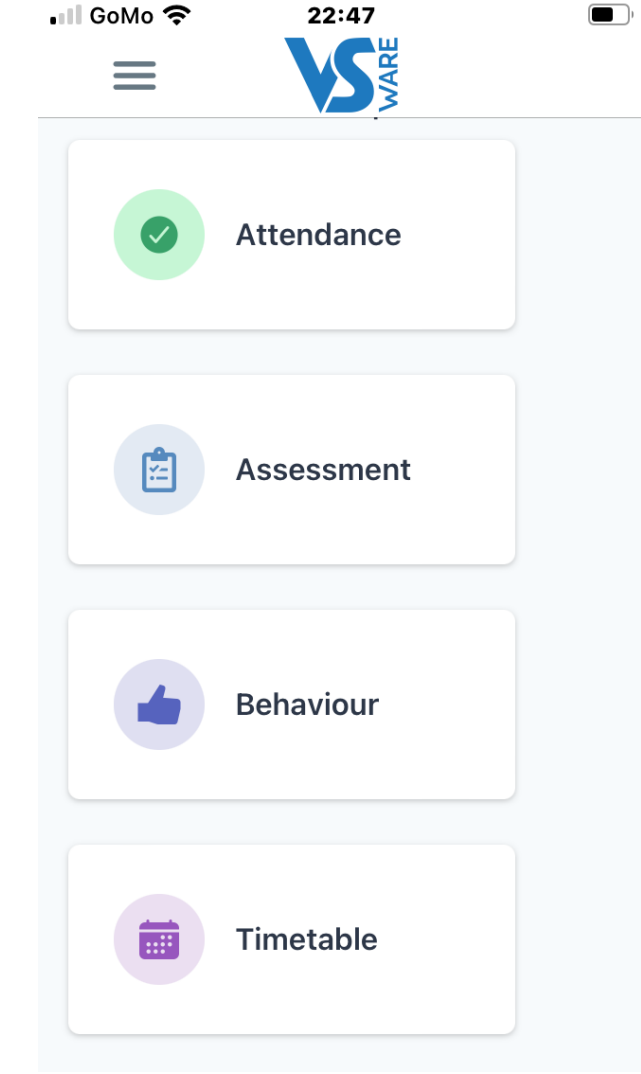
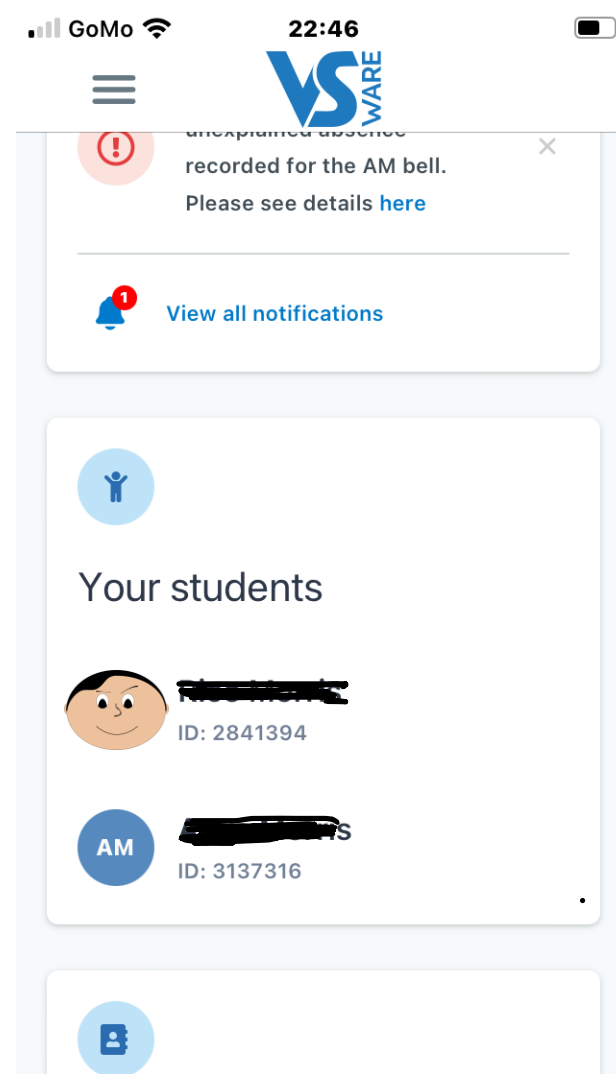
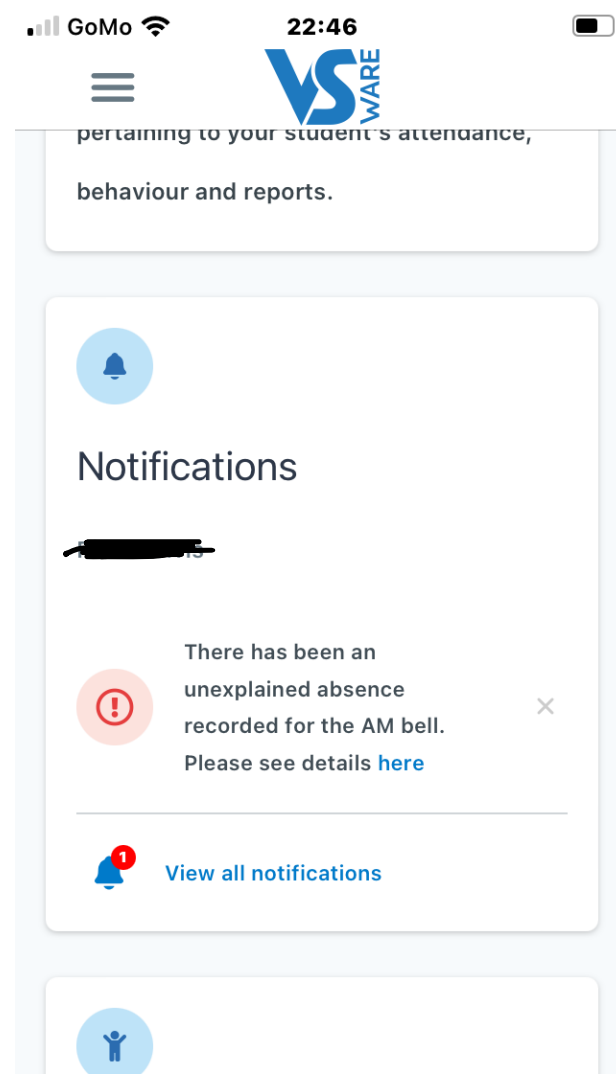
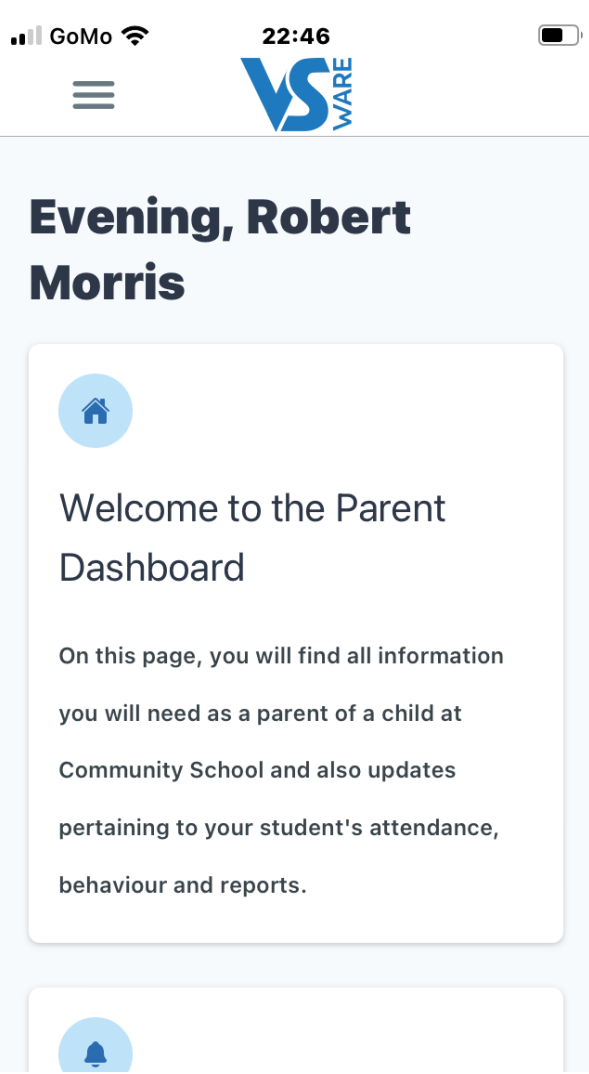


Used for:

- Viewing your child's timetable
- Monitoring attendance and submitting full-day absences only
- Behaviour reports
- Exam reports and CBA reports
- Mail system for communications from school

*Info sheet in
envelope*

VShare App



VSmail – part of VShare App

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Dashboard

Your students ^



Fees

Mail

Privacy Policy

Settings

Logout



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Mail

Search mail

Inbox

IMPORTANT: Re-registration for...



Please see letter at the link below with...

Community School 29 Feb, 11:39

February Newsletter



Please click the link below to read this...

Glynn Clarke

+ Compose new

Davi Schweger Peres - 2 O'Donog...



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IMPORTANT: Re-registration for...



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Community School

10 Apr, 10:06

Please see letter at the link below with regards to re-registration for academic year 24/25.

https://www.castlecomerics.com/images/downloads/rereg_24.pdf

Replying has been disabled

Reply

Expenses/Way2Pay

- All Payments Online on our Way2Pay System
- Expenses €150 per student.

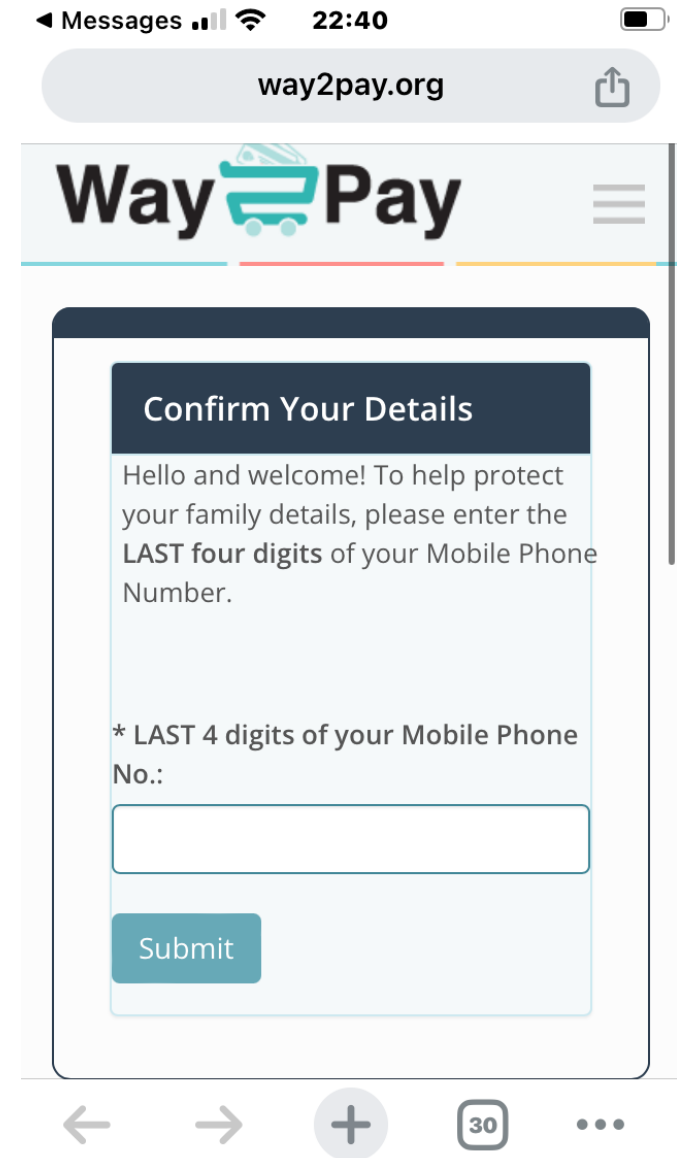
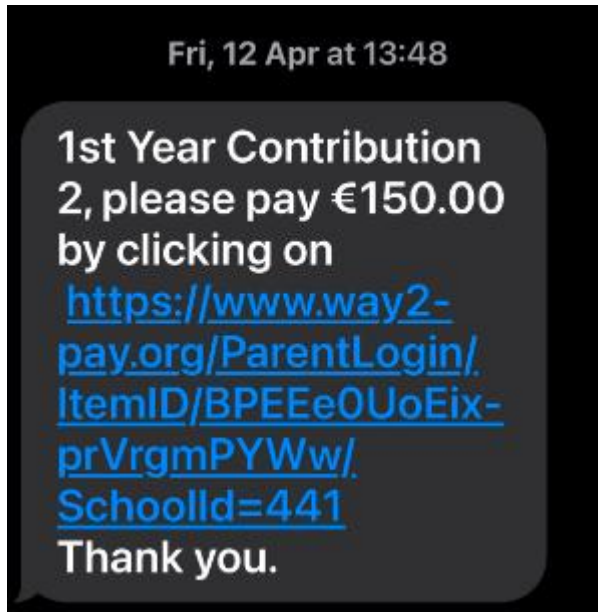
- **It covers:**

Microsoft 365 account, Classroom equipment, I.T. and classroom improvements, subsidising transport to ex-curricular and co-curricular activities, school publications, 24 Hour all-inclusive Insurance, entry fees for students representing the school in a wide range of sporting and cultural activities, locker and maintenance fees, school counsellor.

- Must be paid by **Friday 15th May**

Way2Pay

Text message-based system for making payments



Then pay by card

Deputy
Principal

Year Head

Class Tutor

Class Tutor

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Home
School
Liaison

Chaplain

Guidance
Counsellor

AENCO

Role of Year Head

- Oversee the welfare of the group so that everyone is supported
- Behaviour
- Attendance
- Academic progress
- Facilitate parental contact
- Support students
- Work closely with tutors and pastoral team

What happens on the first day? - Mon 31st August

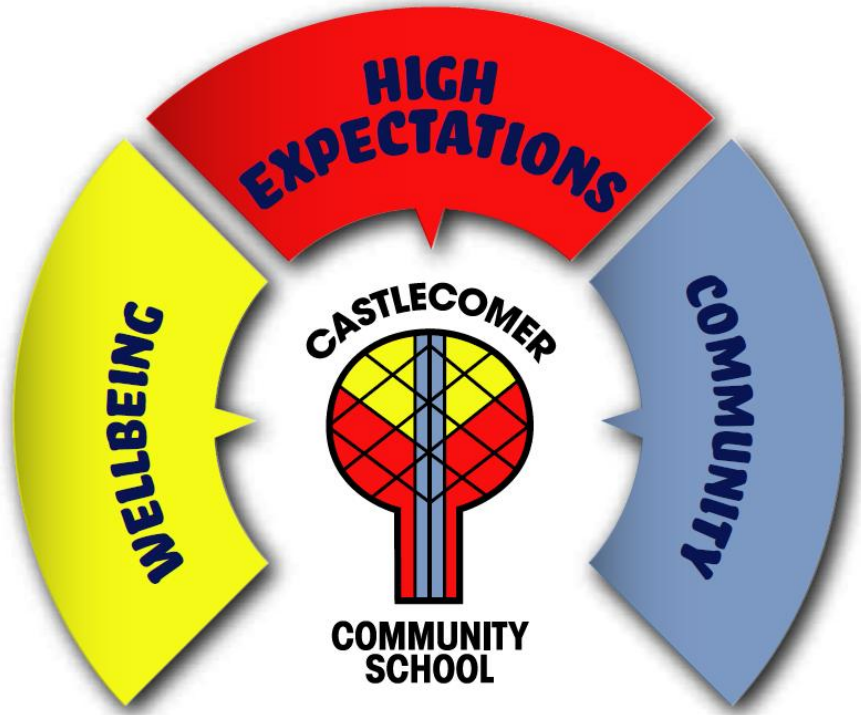


• 8.45-10.45

- Assembly with Year Head (Presentation Room)
- Meet your TUTORS and Mentors
- Get your Timetable/Green Book
- Tour the school
- Get your Locker and school books

• 11.05 – 1.05CLASS

• 1.05 HOME



Miriam Maher

The Role of the Pastoral Care Team

5th Year Mentors

Every year, a number of students in 5th year are chosen to be mentors to the incoming 1st years. They are there to help 1st years transition into secondary school.



Week of Welcome



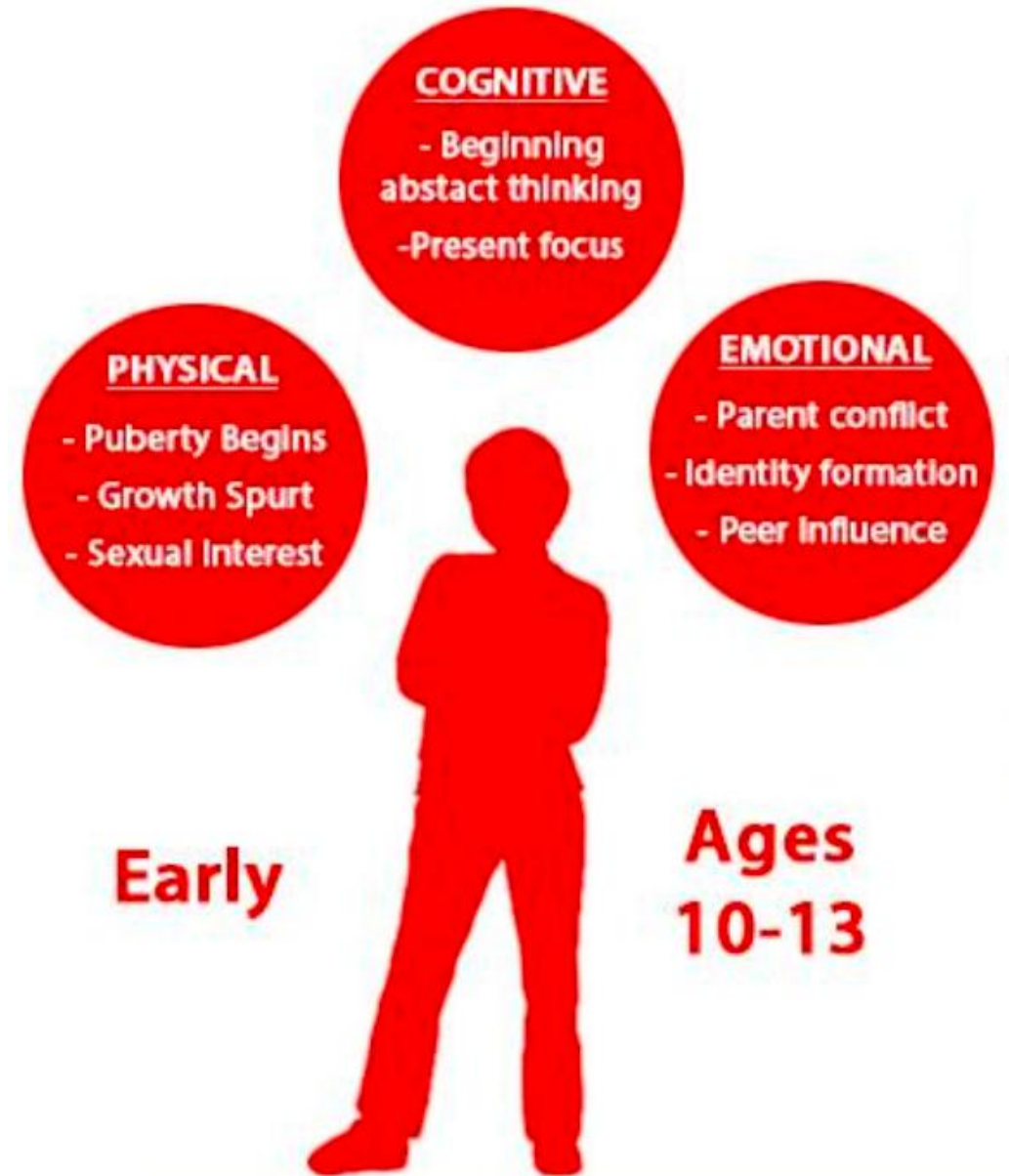
Guidance in CCS

- Guidance counsellors (M. Broderick, P. Tynan and J. Timmons)
 - Careers classes begin in 2nd Year
 - Larger focus in Senior Cycle from TY onwards
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The Transition from Primary To Secondary

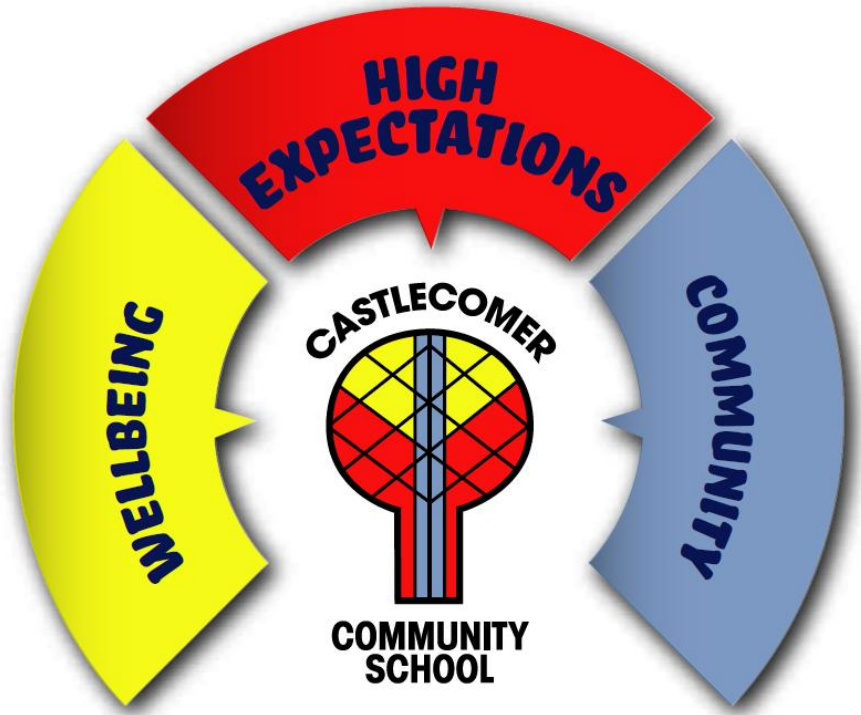
Childhood to Adolescence

- Young people learn new ways of relating to people
- Become emotionally more independent
- It is about change:
 - Physical
 - Social
 - Sexual
 - Moral



Some “Dos”

- Treat your child as an individual
- Place boundaries for them
- Encourage them to get involved in school life
- Check in with them about school and their day
- Encourage a good night's sleep
- Help your child to feel capable and responsible
- Help them be organised



M. Lalor – AENCO

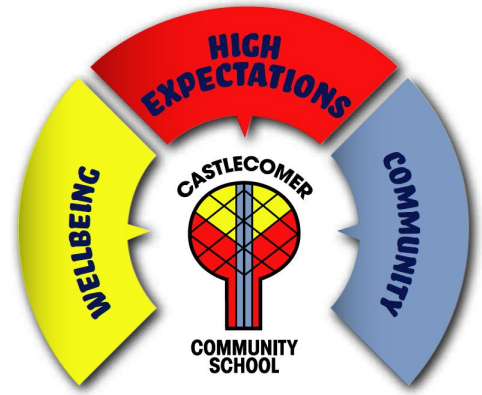
Almost 1 in 4 students nationally have AEN

AEN can be

- Physical
- Behavioural
- Learning
- Processing

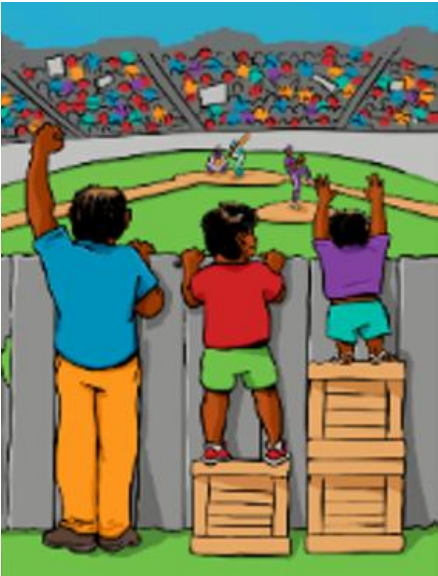
Every child coming in these doors must feel included

Up to 25 % might need additional support to realise their potential

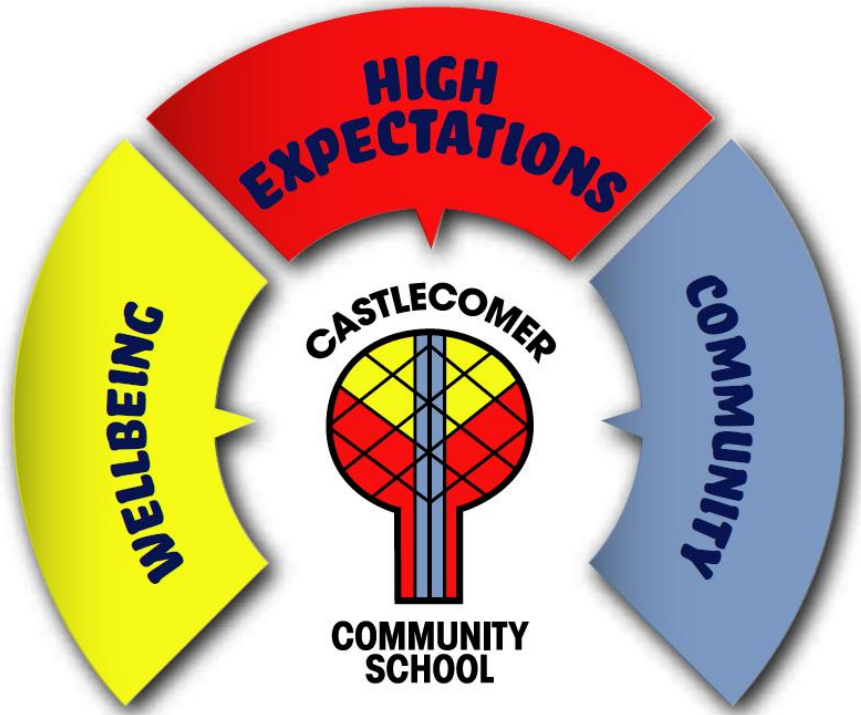


The Role of the **Additional Educational Needs Coordinator**

- Organise supports for students with additional needs
- Contact with primary schools
- Make applications to the NCSE and NEPS for support
- Liaise with parents/guardians (most important)
- Reports/Exemptions



mlalor@castlecomerics.com



G. Clarke – HSCL

Benefits of Good Attendance



01

Better academic performance

02

Socially adjusted

03

Involved with extra curricular

04

More likely to go to further study

05

Provides structure

- Use VSware app to explain full day absences
- The Pastoral Care team is there to support your child

Helping With Homework

Set up a homework friendly area

(well-lit, comfortable, organised)

Keep distractions to a minimum

- TV
- Music
- Games console
- Phones etc



Needed:

- Green Book (Hwk diary)
- Books
- Pencil case and ruler

Recommended:

- 1 to 1.5 hours per night



Q Schedule a regular homework time



- Some may work better after a snack / rest when they come home
- Some may prefer to do homework after or before dinner.

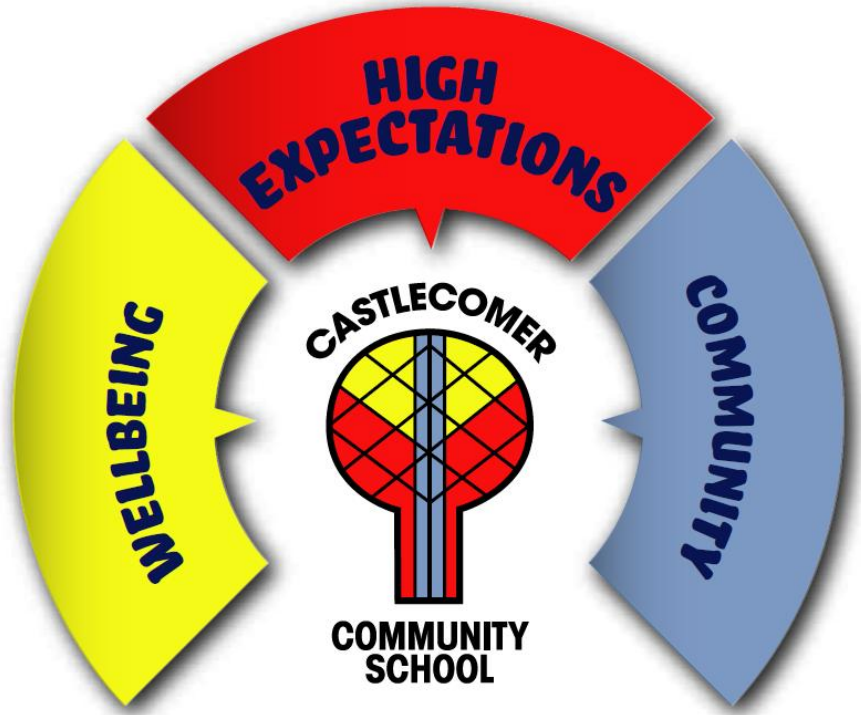
Some advice



- Try not to rush work or leave it to the last minute
- Allow students to own their mistakes and successes
- Give encouragement and praise
- Check completed homework
- Praise positives
- Check the homework diary/ Green Book regularly
- Check VSware regularly

Support with Homework

- Subject teacher
- A friend in the same class
- Class tutor
- Year Head
- Google



P. Murphy – Principal

- Phones – 9:00 pm watershed. Please monitor use.
- Happy and Healthy
- Where do they go? – 85 % of our students go on to 3rd level degree courses and circa 10 % apprenticeships

High Expectations



Community



Wellbeing

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Thank you for coming.

You're welcome to stay for a drink (of tea or coffee!!) and a chance to talk to staff.

See you on Mon 31st August !!!