



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As your child approaches the end of their time in primary school, we are delighted to welcome them to our school community as part of the incoming First Year group for 2026/2027. We are very much looking forward to meeting them and supporting them on this exciting new journey.

Please find enclosed several important documents. We kindly ask that you read each one carefully and keep them for future reference.

Back-to-School Schedule

First Year students will begin on **Friday, 28th August, from 8:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.** Please ensure your child arrives on time and is prepared for their first day. A small snack will be provided. *Please note that school buses will not be running on this day, so alternative transport arrangements will be needed. Please contact your transport provider directly to confirm the resumption of school transport services. Bus Éireann School Transport: 0818 919 910*

Booklist 2026/2027

All textbooks will be provided by the school. Some will be returned at the end of the First Year, and others will be returned at the end of the Third Year. Please ensure that your child takes good care of these books and returns them in good condition.

Stationery Pack

All students are expected to bring a fully equipped pencil case to school each day. This should include black, blue and red pens, pencils, colouring materials, a calculator (as specified by their Maths teacher), a ruler, and an eraser

Each student will need to purchase the following stationary:

Irish	1 x Folder
English	Pockets and dividers. Highlighters
Maths	2 x Whiteboard Markers
Geography	Colouring pencils, A4 Folder with pockets, Ruler, HB pencil, calculator & eraser
SPHE	Plastic Envelope Folder

More stationery will be required in December when optional subjects are chosen

School Journal

School journals will be issued on your child's first day back. Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on the front cover. The journal is a vital tool for communication between school and home, as well as supporting organisation and homework tracking. We ask that parents/guardians check and sign the journal each week

School Calendar

A full calendar of important dates for the academic year will be available on the school website. Please review the calendar and mark these dates in your diary to stay informed about school events and holidays (www.ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie)

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic progress and overall school experience. We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school each day, arrives on time, and is prepared for learning. If your child is absent, please notify the school promptly. We also ask that students are not signed out early and that any necessary medical and/or dental appointments are scheduled for outside of school hours, where possible.

VShare – School Information System

In September, you will receive a text with your login details for VShare. Through the VShare app, you can access your child's school reports, attendance, and behaviour records. Please download the app to stay updated on your child's progress. *Please note that this system is intended for use by parents and guardians only. We ask that parent passwords for vshare are not shared with students.* If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child follows the school's Uniform Policy, available on our website. *Please note that black/navy tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not part of the school uniform.* Wearing the correct uniform each day promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our school community.

Canteen Fob & Meal Information

Each student will receive a fob during their first week. This fob must be brought to school daily. This fob provides access to:

- Free breakfast

- €2.50 daily lunch allowance
- Option to top up with additional funds

*Canteen services will resume on **Tuesday, 1st September**. Please note that cash payments are not accepted.*

Nut-Free Policy

To ensure the safety of all students, we are a nut-free school. Please do not send any nut-based products into school or on trips.

Frequently Asked Questions

A helpful FAQ sheet is included to support you and your child during this transition. Please read through the FAQs to address any common queries you may have.

School Email Accounts

Your child's school email login details will be provided in September to allow access to school platforms and communication systems. Accounts will be set up with students during class time in school. Once set up, please ensure your child checks their email regularly for important updates.

Payments via Payzone

Please make the following payments through the school website

(www.ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie)

- **Student Services Charge** – €60 (*covers buses, photocopying, rewards, and student activities*)
- **24-Hour Personal Insurance** – €10
- **Locker Rental (Optional)** – €20 (*Lockers will be allocated during the first few weeks*)

School Photographs: All photographs are taken within the appropriate and legitimate context of school activities. If a student does not wish to be included in any photographs, they are kindly requested to inform the photographer at the time the photos are being taken.

Looking Ahead – Devices in 2nd Year

From 2026/2027, students will be required to purchase laptops for use in class. These laptops must be purchased from Olive for Education (<https://oliveforeducation.ie>). The online shop will open in Oct 2026, and various payment options will be provided. More information will be provided closer to that time.

We are excited to welcome your child to our school and look forward to working with you in the future. Wishing you and your family a safe, happy, and restful summer.

Kind regards,
Ms. Tracey Edwards
Principal