

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

IMPORTANT NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

22 August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians/boys,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the school community the very best for a successful and happy school year, to extend a very warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and to the boys in other classes who will join us this year. A warm welcome, too, to all new staff who have joined the team. We start the year without our colleague Úna who is never far from our hearts.

Stationery Lists

If you're looking for the stationery lists, I've put them all in one place for you. Click on the link below to download.

[Stationery Lists September 2024 - All In One Place .pdf](#)

School times

The school gates/doors open at 9am. Please do not drop your boy(s) off before this time as they are not supervised and it's not safe.

Classes commence at 9.20am.

Because of the ongoing construction works, ALL boys will enter the school through the main front door & go directly to their classrooms. The **exceptions** to this are the pupils in Room 2 (Ms Stapleton) and Room 3 (Ms Curry) who will enter and exit through their respective fire doors.

The infant classes finish at 2pm (12pm up to and including Friday 13 September).

All other classes finish at 3pm.

We anticipate that traffic will remain a serious issue as we await completion of our extension/car park. I'm hopeful the extension will be ready after the October mid-term break, but am also long enough at this now to expect the unexpected.

I would encourage you to walk with your children where possible, to cycle and to park 'n' stride from Tesco or the bottom of the hill. *Please do not park or drop off in the two disabled bays as a courtesy to those who need them.* If your sons are walking or cycling, chat to them about the importance of doing so sensibly and safely.

Entry and Exit in Summary

*New Junior Infant parents are welcome as far as the main door (Ms Delahunty) or external classroom door (Ms Stapleton) for the first week.

Class	Entry (Morning)	Exit (End of school)
Ms Delahunty Room 8 Junior Infants	Main gate/door	Main door - parents line up outside the main door for collection.
Ms Stapleton Room 2	Classroom	Classroom door - parents line up

Junior Infants		outside the external door for collection
Ms Quinn/Ms White Room 4 Senior Infants	Main gate/door	Classroom door in Room 2 - parents at small gate
Ms Flynn Room 1 First Class	Main gate/door	Main door - parents at main gate
Ms Curry Room 3 First Class	Classroom	Classroom door - parents collect from the small gate
Ms O'Farrell Room 5 2nd Class	Main gate/door	Classroom door in Room 2 - parents collect from the small gate
3rd to 6th Class classes	Main gate/door	Main door - parents at gate
Seomra na Rí and Seomra na Laochra	Main gate/door	Main door - parents/bus at gate

Calling to the school & signing pupils out

Please use the door at reception when calling to the school. There is an access control system in place so you have to buzz the office for entry. If you must collect your child before finishing time, call to the main office. Arrangements are in place for your son to come down to meet you at reception/front door. Please do not, at any stage, go to the classrooms without an appointment.

School timetable & lunches

All classes in our school have two 20 minute breaks. Junior Infants to Second Classes - 10.50-11.10am and 12.30 to 12.50 Third to Sixth Classes - 11.20-11.40am and 1.00 to 1.20pm

Click on the link for more information on our Healthy Lunch policy - [Healthy Food Policy June 2023](#)

Hot lunches will commence for Senior Infants to Sixth Class on the first day back. Please use the app to order with your son by Friday, in advance of the Monday start. If you don't, your son will get a default lunch that he may not like. Junior Infants will start hot lunches from Monday 13 September. If you wish to opt out of hot school lunches, you must request this by writing to or emailing myself (principal@cashelbns.ie) or Rachel (rachelhayes@cashelbns.ie). **This needs to be done annually.** We would encourage all parents to take up the opportunity of a free hot lunch for their son(s).

Uniform

- **Half-zip/tracksuit everyday. If you've not collected yours already (and thank you to those who did), you can do so from next Monday 26 August.**
- **Strictly plain navy shorts (September & Term 3) or navy tracksuit only. No stripes or logos (apart from school one). Plain navy only, please.**
- **Footwear: We're suggesting black runners, but are happy for your son to wear whatever runners he finds comfortable regardless of colour.**

Home-School Communication

Our main method of home-school communication is via the **Aladdin Connect** app. If you've not signed up for Aladdin Connect, Rachel, our Home School Community Liaison or the office staff will assist you with this process if needed. The vast majority of school information/news is shared on Connect so we'd encourage parents to check the platform at least once a day or set your notifications to on.

2nd to 6th classes ONLY have a school journal.

Website App & Social Media

Our school website is active - www.cashelbns.ie. We will be posting stories, pictures and videos this year to the website. It's now possible to have an app icon of the website on your phone & I'd encourage you to do so for ease of access.

Do you have an android phone? Go to the website on your phone (www.cashelbns.ie) and tap the 3 dots icon top right. There will be an option to 'Install App'. There will now be a new app on your home screen with the crest icon.

If you have an iPhone, go to the website on the safari browser, find the + button and choose "Add to Home Screen". (www.cashelbns.ie). There will now be a new app on your home screen with the crest icon.

You can also follow us on Twitter/X - @cashelbns and/or on Instagram - cashelbns

The Parent Association has a Facebook account. Search for Cashel BNS Parent Association.

Attendance

Attendance is recorded daily by the class teacher on our online roll books via Aladdin. You will be alerted if your son is marked absent. We also aim to keep a record on Aladdin if your son arrives late. This is calculated by Aladdin at the end of the year into learning time missed.

Be sure to enter your absence reason on Aladdin Connect each time your child is absent. You can also, as seen across, use Connect to alert us if your child will be late or collected early.

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for entering absence reasons. At the top, it says "Enter a reason for an existing absence" with a calendar icon. Below that, it states "You currently have no absence reasons to submit" in green text. There are four options listed in a list view, each with a calendar icon:

- My child will be absent
- My child will be late
- My child will be collected early
- View my attendance notes

Other bits In brief...

- **Indoor shoes** are not required. If you've not done so already, please **label** all belongings and in particular half-zips. Even if you've got initials, there's a label inside that you also write your son's name on.
- **Payment links** for outstanding fees (Parental Contribution) will be re-sent in September and will appear on your Aladdin Connect App. You can check with the office if you're unsure if you've paid or not.

Classes for 2024 (pictures of staff on website @ <https://www.cashelbns.ie/our-school/staff/>)

	Class (11 mainstream classes initially)	Classroom	Teacher
1	Junior Infants <u>Pine</u>	2	Laura Stapleton
2	Junior Infants <u>Willow</u>	8	Rebecca Delahunty
3	Senior Infants <u>Oak & Ash (Combined)</u>	4	Miriam Quinn & Sinéad White (co-teaching)
4	First Class <u>Beech</u>	3	Rebecca Curry
5	First Class <u>Elm</u>	1	Sinéad Flynn
6	Second Class	5	Jennie O'Farrell
7	Third Class	9	Cathal Barrett/Shane Ryan (job share)
8	Third/Fourth Class <u>Sycamore</u>	10	James Doran
9	Fourth Class	12	Paudie O'Carroll
10	Fifth Class	13	Triona O'Donoghue
11	Sixth Class	11	Laurence Coskeran
12	Seomra na Rí Autism Class	-	Bríd Callanan
13	Seomra na Laochra Autism Class	-	Alison Laffan

Sin é for now. See you all on Monday 2 September.

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