



A thuismitheoir/choimeádaí, a chara,

Tá súil againn go bhfuil do pháiste ag socrú ar ais ar scoil ag an phointe seo.

Hopefully your child is settling back into school life again as we begin a new school year.

It is a good time to remind your child about doing their best at school by listening, completing their work, taking turns in class, being respectful to their teacher, classroom assistant, canteen supervisors etc.

In order for us all to make a good start to the new school term, please keep the following pointers in mind.



### Tús an lá scoile/Beginning of the school day

The school day begins at 8.55, therefore for Child Protection and Health and safety reasons children should not be in school until 8.50. At 8.55 please bring your child to the line in the playground where supervision will be available.

### Nuacht iontach / Exciting news

As you know, we have been having meetings over the past few years about the lack of basic facilities such as a hall/servery etc with the Department of Education, the Education Authority and CCMS.

Approval for a hall/servery, children and staff toilets, offices, staff room and storage areas came through in May.

Architectural Plans for the above came through during the summer. The DE needs to approve the cost and then it will go out to tender.

Exciting times ahead. We look on this as phase 1. We look forward now to making a case for new classrooms for our pupils and staff and for school community.

### Am Sosa/Break Time

We aim to promote healthy eating, therefore breaks should consist of a piece of fruit or crackers/cheese and a drink of water/milk. If you wish your child to have fruit at school each week, please send in £10.00 until Halloween or £1.50 per week.

**If your child prefers a particular fruit, please let us know and we can provide that fruit.**

**Nut Free School: Please remember we are a nut free school. Do not send any foods for sós or lón which may contain nuts.**

Monies for milk can be credited to Parent Pay.



### Éide Scoile/School Uniform

No child likes to feel different, so wearing a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and security. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the full school uniform each day.

#### Uniform

Navy Trousers    Navy skirt/trousers  
White Polo Shirt, Naíscoil-Light Blue polo shirt  
Navy Jumper with Bunscoil Cholmille crest    Black Shoes

For safety reasons, the only accessories permitted are stud earrings.

### **Málaí scoile/school bags**

School bags with all homeworks, reading books etc should be brought **home and back to school each day.** Violons on Tuesdays for pupils attending those lessons.

Pupils can wear runners/plimsolls for PE.

Lots of coats and hats are left behind outside the classes, moreso for the older classes. Ask your child to please ensure they also take their coats and hats home every day.



### **Gutháin Póca / Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are not permitted in school. In exceptional circumstances where a pupil needs to bring one to school, it must be left in the office before classtime.

If attending afterschool clubs, off the school site, mobile phones must be kept in the school bag until the pupil is on the way home.

Smart watches are also not permitted in school as they have photographic, messaging and audio facilities.

Fitbits for tracking steps and fitness and ordinary watches can be worn.



### **Ag Páirceáil / Parking**

Please respect residences who live in proximity to the school. We realise outside the school is busy in the morning and at hometime but do not block entrances/paths to local houses.

The chapel carpark or the carpark behind the Community Centre can be used instead.



### **Naíscoil & Rang 1**

Comhghairdeas mór / Congratulations to our new naíscoil and Rang 1 pupils who are beginning to settle well into school routines. We look forward to welcoming the remaining pupils into the naíscoil in the weeks ahead.

### **Clubanna Iar-scoile / Afterschool clubs**

After school clubs will begin the week beginning 23 September.

A letter will be sent out about clubs early next week. A reply letter must be returned to school before a child can begin attending a club.

If a club is oversubscribed, we will inform you about this.

### **Club Maidine / Morning Club**

The morning club is to help accommodate parents/guardians who start work early. Attendance is 50p each morning or the monies for the week can be sent in in a sealed envelope.



### **Ainm ar gheansaithe scoile / Names on jumpers etc**

We often have jumpers, cardigans etc unclaimed as there are no names on them and the children don't recognise them as their own. Please label your child's jumper this weekend.

### **ASDA: Cashpot for Schools**

Have a look at our facebook for information about ASDA's Cashpot for School. Let friends and family know.

