



29/08/2024

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Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh agus bhur dteaghlaigh sult agus tairbhe as bhriseadh an tsamhraidh agus go bhfuil na páistí ag dúil le bheith ar ais ar scoil.

I hope you and your families have all had a restful and enjoyable summer and that your children are looking forward to returning to school.

Induction for Rang 1 children will work as follows:

Friday 30th August 2024 8.30am – 10.30am

Week beginning Monday 2nd September 8.30am – 11:15am

No school dinners provided this week for Rang 1. Healthy snack required.

Week beginning Monday 9th September 8.30am – 12:15pm

School dinners available from this week onwards.

Week beginning Monday 16th September 8.30am – 1.30pm

NOTE- Please provide a healthy snack (fruit/veg, small sandwich/yoghurt) and a bottle of water on a daily basis.

School dinners

School dinners will be provided in the dinner hall. Dinners cost £2.60 per meal and all meals should be paid for using our cashless payment system Parent Pay. Any new parents will receive information on registering for Parent Pay in the first few days back to school.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals (FSM), please register with the Education Authority and apply at the link below. Please note that parents whose child/children were in receipt of FSM during the 2023/24 school year also need to reapply for these children (as well as any additional children) for the 2024/25 school year. Any meals taken before confirmation of entitlement to FSM will be subject to a charge of £2.60 per meal. You can apply for FSMs and the Education Authority's uniform grant at the link below:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

After Schools Clubs

To facilitate staff training, After Schools Clubs for all pupils will recommence on Tuesday 10th September. They will run Monday- Thursday at a cost of £2 per day. The timetable for After Schools activities will be released next week. Children in Rang 2/3 who use the school bus service will be supervised from 1:30pm-2:30pm from 1st September- 9th September. From Tuesday, 10th September, all children using the afterschool club, including those using the bus service will be charged £2 per day.

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Guthán: 028 41258418



School bus service

Only those children eligible for EA's Transport Assistance who have received confirmation of this from the Education Authority are permitted to use our school bus service to and from school. If you have not yet registered and believe you may be eligible, please check your entitlement online using the link below:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/home-to-school-transport/check-transport-eligibility>

Confirmation of pick up and drop off times should have been provided via letter from EANI by now. If you are eligible for transport and have not received this information, please contact the EANI Transport department directly on 028 9598 5959.

Please begin to prepare your child for using the bus and ensure to clarify with them each morning if they will be using the bus at the end of the school day to avoid any unnecessary anxiety.

School Uniform policy

Please be reminded that all children are expected to wear their full school uniform (school jumper, White polo shirt, grey trousers/ skirt and plain black shoes to school every day except on PE days. The whole school will have PE **every Wednesday**. Information on each class' second PE day will be shared with you directly via Seesaw. On these days, children can wear their PlayrFit PE uniform **OR plain navy** tracksuit bottoms, white polo shirt and school jumper (coloured bottoms/ leggings are not permitted). For those of you who wish to order PE Uniforms, our school shop has now reopened for orders. Please use the link below to place your order before the end of September:

<https://playr-fit.com/gaelscoil-na-mbeann/>

Stationery

Due to budget cuts in the education sector, Gaelscoil na mBeann is not in a position to provide stationery to pupils. As such, all children should come to school with their own stationery. Your child's teacher will inform you about any specialist stationery required for their class via Seesaw in the coming days but all children should have the following items:

- Pencil case
- Pencil x 2
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler

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- Colouring pencils
- Black pen (Rang 6/7 only)

Please ensure all items of stationery and all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name

Healthy eating policy

As per our Healthy Eating policy, unhealthy snacks and food items are not permitted in Gaelscoil na mBeann. This includes sweets, chocolate, biscuits and fizzy and sugary drinks. All food items provided for break and lunch should be nutritious and healthy. This will be meticulously policed and high in sugar items will be sent home with your child. For more information and some nice food ideas, see the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

There are a number of children in the school with potentially severe allergies. Sharing or swapping food in school is therefore banned for the safety of all pupils. Please discuss this with your child in advance of them returning to school.

Schools NI App

To keep up-to-date with our school news and events, please download the Schools NI app from your Google Playstore/ App Store, and select 'Gaelscoil agus Naíscóil na mBeann' as your school. Enable notifications and you will then receive messages direct to your phone about school events etc.

All children in Rang 2-Rang 7 will return to school on Monday, 2nd September with Rang 2/3's school day finishing at 1:30pm and Rang 4-7's school day finishing at 2:30pm.

Táimid uilig ag dúil go mór leis na páistí a fheiceáil ar ais ar scoil sna laethanta atá amach romhainn!

We are all looking forward to seeing the children back in school in the coming days!

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