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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all had a good summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**. In order to ease their transition back to school, we are emailing you with some important information in advance of the school return.

#### **SCHOOL HOURS:**

We would like to remind parents that **our school's opening hours are from 8.45 – 2.30pm** and this is the time during which the school accepts responsibility for your children. We strongly encourage pupils to be punctual and **arrive to school on time at 8.45**. We also encourage everyone who can to walk/cycle to school where possible to avoid traffic congestion outside the school.

**Junior Infants & Senior Infants:** 8.45 – 1.30pm

\*Junior Infants will have different arrival and dismissal times from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This timetable has already been communicated to parents of Junior Infants in June.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes, Speech & Language class:** 8.45 – 2.30pm

Our school gate will be opened at 8.35 each morning and the same procedure as last year will apply where children may walk to where their classes will line up each morning. Teachers from the In-school Leadership and Management team will be at the various entrances every day to help children lining up. At 8.45 they will be shown into the school building through the designated entrance door for their class. Their class teacher will be in their classroom to greet them as they come into school. Please refer to the table in this email which indicates the entry and exit points for the various classes.

Your child need not worry about knowing where to go as staff will be allocated to specific entry/exit points to help children navigate their way particularly during the first couple of days as they get used to the location of their new classrooms. We will also have plenty of signs in the school yard showing children where to go.

In the interest of health and safety, we advise parents who are collecting children at the end of the school day to wait at their child's designated collection point (See table) and the class teachers will lead their classes out to these exit points. If your child attends crèche, there will be a specific drop off and collection point as usual in the front yard of the school. At the end of the school day, teachers will bring any child attending crèche to the specific drop off and collection point.

As you are aware, the **Government funded Schoolbook Grant Scheme** will be in operation again this year for all primary schools. This scheme includes all schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks which have been purchased by the school and will be distributed to classrooms, ready for your children when they return to school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

A reminder to parents that St. Marnock's NS is a **nut-free school**. As we have a number of pupils in our school with severe nut allergies, we want to do all we can to protect them. Therefore we request that parents do not send nuts and products containing nuts into school with children in their lunchboxes. We would also ask you to remind your child that sharing/ swapping lunches is not permitted. We appreciate your support with this and thank you for keeping our pupils safe!

We would also like to draw your attention to our recently reviewed **Mobile Phone/Electronic Devices/Smartwatch policy** which is now published on our school website [www.stmarnocksns.ie](http://www.stmarnocksns.ie).

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school and would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Junior Infant classes and to all new children who will be starting with us on Thursday.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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Sinéad Trimble  
**Principal**

### St. Marnock's NS Entrance and Exit Points for specific classes:

Teacher	Class	Entrance & Exit Point
Ms. Curtin	Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Hunter	Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. T. Phelan	Junior Infants	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Byrne	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. Daly	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. Moran	Senior Infants	Yellow Door
Ms. Rossiter	1 <sup>st</sup> class	Red (Front) Door
Ms. B. Phelan	1 <sup>st</sup> class	Red (Front) Door
Ms. Dwyer/Ms. Lynch	1 <sup>st</sup> class	Red (Front) Door
Mr. O'Brien	2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. Troy	2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Green Door
Ms. Moores	2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. MacDermott	Speech & Language class	Yellow Door
Ms. O'Dowd	3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Red (Back) door
Ms. S. Power	3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. Lunney	3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Red (Back) Door
Ms. Flynn	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Purple (Back) Door
Ms. Kenealy	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Purple (Back) Door
Ms. Madden/ Ms. Delahunt	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Purple (Back) Door
Ms. Dillon	5 <sup>th</sup> class	Yellow Door
Mr. Barnes	5 <sup>th</sup> class	Yellow Door
Mr. Spellacy	5 <sup>th</sup> class	Blue (Back) Door
Mr. Cooper	6 <sup>th</sup> class	Blue (Back) Door
Ms. Whelan	6 <sup>th</sup> class	Blue (Back) Door
Mr. Maughan	6 <sup>th</sup> class	Blue (Back) Door