



# Redeemer Boys' N.S.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I extend a belated happy new year to you and your families. May 2026 be a good year for you, the school and the community!

## Car Park

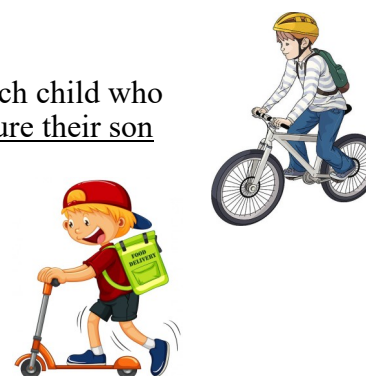
Parents and guardians are reminded that **our school car park is a shared, busy space used by children, families, and staff.** We ask all drivers to take extra care by driving very slowly and remaining alert to pedestrians, especially during drop off and pick up times. The safety of our pupils and families MUST be top priority and small actions make a big difference in keeping everyone safe! Thank you for your care and cooperation.



## Cycling/Scooting to School

Parents and guardians are responsible for the behaviour and safety of each child who chooses to cycle or scoot to school. **We strongly advise that parents ensure their son wears a helmet when cycling/scooting to and from school.**

To ensure the safety of all pupils and staff, **on entering and exiting the school grounds, pupils must dismount from their bicycles/scooters and walk them to the storage area at the side of the school.**



## Reminder of Up-Coming Closures

- **Friday 30th January** for staff training on the new Primary Curriculum Framework
- **Monday 2nd February** for St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February** for Midterm Break
- **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March** for St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
- Closing at 12 noon on Friday 27th March for Easter Holidays, reopening on Monday 13th April

## Holidays during Term Time

Regular attendance plays a vital role in pupils' learning, progress, and wellbeing. Every day of learning counts and even short absences can have a significant impact. We ask families to support good attendance by **avoiding holidays during term time wherever possible.** Being in school every day helps children stay connected, confident, and on track with their learning. Absence from school disrupts learning and can affect pupils' progress. Thank you for your continued support in helping all children make the most of their time in school.

## Request for Birth Certificates on File

We kindly ask again that you ensure we have a copy of your child's birth certificate on file. If you have not yet submitted one, please provide a copy to the school office at your earliest convenience. Legally we must hold a copy of your son's birth certificate on file. If you are unsure, please contact the school office and we will check to see if we have a copy on file. In February, we will contact parents directly if we do not have a birth certificate on file for your son.

## Attendance / Punctuality/ Early Pick-Ups

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your son to fulfil his potential. Additionally, poor punctuality affects the learning and behaviour not only of the pupil who is late, but it has an impact on all other pupils as the teacher has to recap on missing learning for those who arrive late. This reduces learning time for the entire class. We are continuing to promote attendance within the school running various initiatives across the classes.

Research has shown that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success!

### “Miss School = Miss Out”

We would also like to remind all families of the importance of minimizing interruptions to your son’s learning by **avoiding early pickup from school unless absolutely necessary**. Learning time is critical, and every minute of the school day counts. Frequent or unnecessary early pickups **disrupt classroom instruction**, not only for the child being collected but also for his peers and teachers. Therefore, we strongly request your cooperation on the following:

- **Appointments Outside School Hours:** Parents are **strongly encouraged** to schedule **medical, dental, or personal appointments outside of school hours** whenever possible. We understand that emergencies may arise; however, regular early departures should be avoided. (Please ensure that the appointment letter is copied and on file in the school office if it has not been possible to make an appointment outside of school hours)
- **Advance Notification Required:** If an early pickup is unavoidable, please notify the school **by 10:00am** on the day in question. Advance notice allows us to prepare your child and minimize disruption.
- **Cut-off Time for Early Pickup:** Early pickups should be completed **no later than 2:00 PM for First to Sixth Class**. After this time, the school will not release students early, except in **genuine emergencies**.
- **Sign-Out:** All pupils leaving early must be signed out at the front office by a **parent or an authorised adult**. Pupils will only be released to individuals listed on the pupil’s emergency contact form. If someone not listed needs to collect your child, written authorisation must be provided ahead of time.

N.B. A pupil will NOT be allowed to leave school early and walk/cycle home. A handover to an appropriate adult is necessary at all times.

N.B. The Parents’ Room is available for parents to wait between the 1.40 and 2.40pm pick-ups.

### Uniform Reminder

All pupils are to be in **full** uniform every day and spot checks are carried out on a regular basis. Please ensure your son is wearing **dark grey bottoms** (with no logos). Dark grey bottoms and/or a school jumper will be given to any boy who comes to school without a full uniform. These items must be given back at the end of the day. ‘Every child in uniform every day’ is the message being promoted in the school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Michelle Murray  
Principal

