

## School Rules

1. Our school day is 9.15a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (2 p.m. for Infants). There is no supervision of pupils in the school grounds outside of these times.
2. **Education Welfare Act 2002:** Under the terms of this Act, all absences of children from school must be explained in writing by Parents/Guardians. A phone call, while welcome in the case of infectious diseases eg chicken pox, measles, etc is not sufficient. This note should contain the name of the pupil, the reason for absence and must be signed by a parent/guardian and dated. The school must retain all these written explanations for inspection by the Education Welfare Officer. Please note that under the Education Welfare Act, if a pupil is absent for 20 days or more in any school year (September to June), the Board of Management and the Principal are compelled by law to notify TÚSLA.
3. Where children need to be collected early eg dentist, doctor appointments, **parents may only collect their own children, unless the school have written consent from the parents/guardians of other children.** For example, in the case of car-pooling.
4. For safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day, except with the permission of a teacher or the written permission of their parents/guardians.
5. Pupils should treat all school staff, pupils and visitors with respect.
6. Pupils are expected to play and talk to each other in a respectful and safe manner – no deliberate rough play allowed.
7. All school property should be used safely and treated respectfully. Breakages should be reported to the class teacher.
8. Pupils should follow instructions from staff promptly.
9. Pupils should walk inside the school buildings.
10. The full school uniform should be worn on all days, except P.E. days and other days specified by their teacher, when plain navy tracksuits may be worn. Pupils should be suitably dressed for cold, wet weather. ALL items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
11. Pupils should keep jewellery to a minimum (watch, stud earrings only). In the interests of health and safety, long hair should be tied up (with the exception of "dress-up" days).
12. The school has a Healthy Eating Policy. School lunches should be of a high nutritional value. Anything in a wrapper (bars, breakfast bars, sweets, crisps, fizzy drinks, chewing gum, etc) is not allowed.
13. Pupils are **not allowed** to give out birthday/party invitations during school hours.
14. Name calling and use of bad or disrespectful language is not allowed.
15. All forms of bullying behaviour is forbidden.
16. Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or other electronic gadgets to school. If they do so, they will be confiscated and a parent must collect it.
17. Truthful responses are expected from pupils at all times. All pupils should report incidents of concern to them to their class teacher or the teacher on yard duty as soon as the incident occurs.