

# Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for all your support and cooperation as we help the pupils settle back to school for the new academic year. I would also like to thank all the staff here in Carbury School for their hard work and dedication since the school reopened after the summer holidays.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new junior infants and to pupils who have joined us throughout the school. We hope that they will be very happy here in Carbury. It is also our hope that all pupils in Carbury will have a great school year.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahon

## Updating Our Contact List

When contacting parents/guardians, it is important that we have your preferred details on file. Please complete the attached form before **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September** so we can update our contact list.

## School Punctuality and Attendance

The school **gate opens at 8.50 am** and formal **teaching starts at 9.10 am**. It is essential that pupils arrive on time for school as it ensures a smooth start to the day.

While certain absences are unavoidable, such as when a child is sick, it is important to remember that the school must tell the statutory Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency if your child has missed 20 days or more in the school year. The school cannot allow any child who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or is generally unwell to attend school.

We strongly advise parents not to take children out of school for non-essential reasons e.g. holidays during term time. If your child is absent, please complete an **absence note** which is **available on the school website**.



## School Website

[www.carburyschool.com](http://www.carburyschool.com)

## Safe Parking

We would like to remind parents or guardians not to park or stop on the **roundabout** near the school gates, on the **double yellow lines** or anywhere that may reduce visibility for other people.

Doing so even for a short spell poses a problem for the safety and welfare of our pupils and for other people in the community.

**Please do not use Sligo Grammar School for parking.**

The options for parents are:

- Park along **The Mall** if there is an available parking space (remember not to park in the Bus Stop space on the left-hand side).
- Park in the first car park at the **back of The Model**. This is a very short walk to Carbury School.

\*Check if you need to pay for parking.

## School Uniform

Here in Carbury, we value neat and correct uniform. Please note that pupils should wear plain, black leather school shoes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Pupils wear plain, navy tracksuit bottoms on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** for P.E. Only runners on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Support for Pupils

Here in Carbury School, we value the importance of group work for pupils in developing cooperative skills and facilitating peer learning. As such, the support teachers may take additional children as part of a group in order to work on aspects of language or social skills.

## Best Wishes

We wish Ms. Sabrina Love every happiness in her new teaching position closer to home. Sabrina was a valued member of the teaching team in Carbury School for the past seventeen years and will be greatly missed. She gained a reputation for showing great initiative in responding to the needs of the school and of always being ready and willing to help.

We would like to welcome Mr. Greer and Ms. McDonagh as permanent members of our teaching staff. Ms. Sherlock and Ms. Rice will cover SET and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. We hope that the new staff members will be very happy in our school.

## Personal Accident Insurance

The school has paid a personal accident insurance for all pupils for the 2022/2023 academic year which covers the children during the school day. If you would like to avail of twenty-four hour cover which covers the full year for school, social, domestic and leisure activities, please send in **€3 for your child** in an envelope marked with his/her name, along with the completed form.

## ePayments

As a school, we use a programme called Aladdin to set up ePayments. This enables parents/guardians to complete payments online. When we set up an ePayment, you will receive a link by email.

## Book Money

Thank you to families who have sent in book money this year. We have set this up as an ePayment. This money covers items such as rental of text books and novels, supplementary readers, art materials, copy books, folders, school diaries, photocopying and printing. If you have any difficulty with the book money, please feel free to contact the office in confidence and we can discuss different options.



## Junior Infant Collection Time

We are very proud of all the pupils in Junior Infants. They have settled in very well and are working hard with their teacher, Ms. Grehan.

**From Monday, 12th September, the children in Junior Infants will finish at 1.30 pm.** This is the same collection time as the children in Senior Infants.

## Active School Flag

In June, we had an accreditation visit from Ms. Mary Hough from Active Schools. Following her recommendation, we were awarded our second Active School Flag.

We would like to acknowledge all the hard work that the Active Committee did with great organisational skills from Ms. Grehan and Ms. Foley.

## New Playground

We are delighted to share the news that we are in the process of extending our playground area and work will be completed in the coming weeks. This additional space will be of great benefit to the children.

