

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 our hope that all pupils in Carbury will have a great school year.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahon

Updating Our Contact List and Consent Forms

When contacting parents/guardians, it is important that we have your preferred details on file. Please complete the attached Contact Form before **Friday, 8th September** so we can update our contact list.

*We have not provided a copy of these forms to parents in Junior Infants as we have up-to-date copies on file.

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 inform the statutory Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency if your child has missed 20 days or more in the school year.

We strongly advise parents not to take children out of school for non-essential reasons e.g. holidays during term time. We do not provide schoolwork for children who are not present in school.

If your child is absent, you need to complete an **absence note** which is **available on the school website in the 'For Parents' section**.



School Website

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 road users.

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. lessons. Runners/trainers are only permitted 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 out additional children as part of a group in order to work on aspects of language or social skills.

We have a designated sensory space in Carbury School. This space is used to enhance and promote the wellbeing and learning of pupils. Sensory spaces can reduce sensory overload for pupils who may find the school day overwhelming and enable them to achieve a calmer state for learning. In using the sensory space, we aim to provide pupils with the individualised sensory input they need to self-regulate so that they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

Best Wishes

We wish Ms. Sharon Love every happiness in her new teaching position closer to home. She contributed greatly to the school, both a class teacher and a member of the in-school management team. Sharon was a valued member of the teaching team in Carbury School for the past sixteen years and will be greatly missed.

We would like to welcome Ms. Sarah-Jayne Boyce as a permanent member of our teaching staff. Ms. Boyce will teach 5th Class. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Jane Hobson who has joined us as a Special Needs Assistant and to Ms. Katie Thomson who will provide Language Support for pupils this year. We hope that the new and returning staff members will be very happy in our school.

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.

We have set up an ePayment of **€50 per pupil** on Aladdin to help cover the cost of photocopying, art supplies, digital resources and the Pupils Personal Accident Insurance with Allianz. This insurance provides every pupil with twenty-four-hour cover for school and leisure activities for the 2023/2024 academic year.



If you have any difficulty with this payment, 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, 11th September, the children in Junior Infants will finish at 1.30 pm.** This is the same collection time as the children in Senior Infants.



Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

It is school policy that pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones or smart devices in school. If a pupil brings a mobile phone or smart device to school, it will be confiscated and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted.



Parent Association AGM

The Parent Association AGM will take place on **Thursday, 28th September at 7.30 pm in the school hall.** We would encourage a parent from each family to attend. This is an important way to gain an insight into our school community.

A huge thank you to the Parent Association for organising a very successful Uniform Supply Day before term started this year.