

Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your support and cooperation as the pupils settle back to school for the new academic year. I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Going forward, **all communication will be through the Aladdin Schools Connect app**. It is essential that you check this app regularly for important updates.

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 ensure your details are up to date on the Aladdin Schools Connect app**. You can do this by tapping on your child's name in the app to edit family contact details. **Please complete and return the Consent Form before Friday, 13th September.**

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** in Aladdin Schools Connect. If you do not do this, the absence will be recorded as unexplained.



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.

The parking options for parents/guardians 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.

Children must be mindful of cars at the Grammar School Gate.

School Uniform

We value neat and correct uniform. Please note that pupils should wear plain, black leather school shoes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pupils wear plain, navy tracksuit bottoms on **Tuesdays and Fridays for P.E. lessons**. Runners/trainers are only permitted on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure all jumpers/coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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 would like to welcome Ms. Julie Patterson to Carbury School. Ms. Patterson will teach 5th Class and is our Deputy Principal. We would like to congratulate Ms. Katie Thomson on securing a permanent teaching position in the school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Margaret Callery who has joined us as a Special Needs Assistant to job-share with Ms. Valerie Irwin. A warm welcome back to Ms. Carolyn Burrows as a Special Education Teacher and to Ms. Sarah Rice 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 and a notification in the app.

We have set up an ePayment of **€60 per pupil** on Aladdin to help cover the cost of photocopying, art supplies, digital resources, Aladdin Schools Connect 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 2024/2025 academic year.

If you have any difficulty with this payment, please feel free to contact the office in confidence and we can discuss different payment options.




School Closure

The school will be closed on Friday, 27th September.

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, 9th September, the children in Junior Infants will finish at 1.30 pm.**

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 **Wednesday, 25th 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.

Keep up to date with school news on our school website and Facebook page.