



Family Note 1 (31st August 2023)



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to welcome you and the pupils back to school after the summer break. I hope that you are all settling back into the school routine again and are looking forward to the year ahead. Below is some information for you as we commence the new school year:

Staffing:

We are delighted to welcome Ms Maura Amy O Connor as class teacher of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Classes. We wish Ms Kyna O Sullivan all the best as she commences her travels this week and hope to see her in the not too distant future!

☺ Junior Infants 2023 ☺:

We extend a warm welcome to our 14 new Junior Infants pupils:

Maisie, Abbie, Alannah, Emma, Anna, Mila Rose, Abby, Bodhi, Eoghan, Max, Oisín, Rian, Ruadh and Ben.

You have all settled in extremely well already! We wish you every success and happiness during your time here in our school.

Uniform & Belongings:

It was lovely to see our new school uniform being worn for the very first time yesterday morning! Thank you for your cooperation with this change.

NB: Please remember to label **all** items of your child's personal belongings with their name to avoid items becoming lost or mixed up as the year progresses. Thank you.

Home-School Communication:

We continue to use our **Aladdin Connect App** to send Family Notes, reminders and permissions to all families. Should your child be absent from school or if there is an early collection or late drop off, this can be noted by parents on the app. You may also like to use the app to send a message to your child's class teacher directly instead of a written note. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any difficulty with using the App.



Should you wish to speak to or meet with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment by making contact with them via Aladdin message or by phoning the school office at **064-7754038** or emailing knockanesnationalschool@gmail.com. You may also phone, or alternatively text, the school mobile on **089-2263606** with a short message if this is more suitable. Thank you.

Change in contact details & new pupil information for teachers:

Please contact the office if there was any change to your home address, email or phone contact details over the summer break. Also, should any concerns or issues e.g. medical, allergies, etc. have arisen during the summer and you feel it would benefit the school being informed of such, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher to update them regarding this as soon as possible.

Finally, please inform your child's class teacher if there is a change in what person may collect your child from school during the year so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Charges/ Fees:

We are delighted to provide text books, workbooks and copies as part of the Free Book Scheme this year. Please ensure that adequate care is taken of these resources at home. Any outstanding charges as per booklist can be sent to the office or to your child's class teacher. These payments will be receipted shortly via Aladdin.

ISL and Music Lessons:

We welcome back John Patrick Doherty next week to continue with our weekly ISL (Irish Sign Language) Classes. This is in support and awareness of our Special Class for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Henry Cronin also returns to recommence weekly tin whistle lessons (1st – 6th Classes) from Monday, 2nd October. We are delighted that these lessons will continue throughout the term. All pupils from 1st – 6th Classes can bring their tin whistle with them to school each week. Charge for term per pupil is € 10 until Christmas Break.



Rainy Day Activity:



As we are a 'Green School' and wish to keep our paper waste and printing costs to a minimum, our Green Schools Committee have kindly asked that each child have a 'rainy day' activity book in their bag everyday. This might be a colouring book, mindful colouring book, sketch book, puzzle book or 'busy copy'. We thank you for your cooperation with same.

After School Fun Club & Homework Club:

After School Fun Club (1:40-2:40pm) has commenced for Senior Infants. Junior Infants are welcome to attend from Thursday, 7th September. Please contact Marguerite on the number below with any queries.

Homework Club (1st-6th Classes) will recommence on Monday, 11th September. This will run from Monday – Thursday inclusive. A booking form and further information is attached.

Thanking you for your support & cooperation,

Lucy O Sullivan (Principal)

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