



Scoil Náisiúnta Bhantiarna Lourdes

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We warmly welcome back all our pupils and extend a special welcome to all our new pupils and families.

School starts at 8.50am each morning as usual. The Board of Management is mindful of the need to facilitate families to help them arrive on time each morning and so provides supervision of pupils in the school yard for the 10 minutes before the start of school, from 8.40am to 8.50am. Pupils who arrive early are asked to line up on the basketball courts where they are supervised by two teachers. The main gates of the school are closed at 8.40am so cars cannot enter the yard. When the bell is sounded at 8.50am teachers collect their classes from the basketball courts. However, **pupils in infants (most especially juniors) should be brought directly to the classroom door each morning and collected from there each day.** On wet days the pupils are supervised in the assembly hall for the ten minutes before the official start of school. On these wet mornings the main entrance (beside the secretary's office) is open from 8.40am to accept pupils. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate parents waiting with their children at this time and so we ask that if you arrive early on a wet morning that you leave your child under the care of the teacher supervising in the assembly hall.

The Board of Management stresses that no facility is provided for the supervision of pupils before 8.40am and would ask that pupils not come to school before this time.

Due to the growing number of pupils with allergies to nuts we ask that all pupils do not bring nuts or nut based foods to school. We know that families will understand this decision as it will ensure the health and safety of all our pupils.

We wish to remind all parents to **label** jumpers, coats, plimsolls and any other items liable to be lost! **Full school uniform** is to be worn on all days. School tracksuits can be worn on PE days. We ask that pupils come to school **with their lunch** and whatever they need for extracurricular activities for that day e.g. tog out bags, football boots etc

If you feel that too much time is spent on homework please check that the time was actually spent on homework and not a combination of repeated extended breaks 'interrupted' by homework! **It is essential that homework is done in a quiet setting**

free from television, Playstation and mobile phones. The **average maximum time** that should be spent on homework is as outlined below:

- Infants: 15 to 20 minutes
- First Class: 20 to 30 minutes
- Second Class: 30 to 45 minutes
- Third Class: 45 to 60 minutes
- Fourth Class: 60 to 75 minutes
- Fifth Class: 75 to 90 minutes
- Sixth Class: 90 to 120 minutes

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress **please do not hesitate to contact us.** Parents are sometimes slow to call to the school, as they do not want to take the teacher out of class. We stress that we want parents to call to the school to discuss any problems that may arise – and the sooner the better. **We ask however that you ring beforehand to make an appointment with the class teacher.** It will enable suitable work for the class to be allocated and arrangements for supervision to be made. The class teacher will then have time to discuss your child's progress with you. Teachers can often facilitate parents by meeting them in the mornings before class begins or immediately after school.

When a child is absent please inform the school of the reason as soon as possible. The school is obliged to report absences to the National Education Welfare Board and the reason why the pupil was absent must also be reported. Text messages are sent to families of pupils who are absent and who have not informed the school of the reason.

Extra-curricular activities will begin again over the coming months starting with Rackard League football for boys on Monday next 2nd September and Chess Club on Friday 27th September. We encourage all pupils to take part in the many and varied after school activities.

Please check our website regularly as we use it to keep everyone up to date on what is happening in the school.

Sincerely,



(Principal)