



Scoil Náisiúnta Bhantiarna Lourdes

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our fundraising the school is again organising a "**Halloween Walk**" on **Wednesday 24th October** at 9.20am (weather permitting). Families and friends are asked to sponsor children for this walk. The funds raised will be used to supplement the DES grant which pays for the basic things like heating oil, electricity, water and the cleaning of the school. We need to use the funds in this way since the recent cuts to the grants received by the Board to run the school. **We are very grateful for your continued support in these times of financial hardship.**

Children dressed in suitable costume will walk under the supervision of teachers and parents from the school down to the town by Church Road, up Irish Street and back to the school. Sponsorship must remain within family and friends, as we have not received a licence for wider fundraising.

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, swimming gear etc.

We ask that parents and guardians dropping children at the gate on Hospital Hill to be careful and patient, especially on wet mornings. **Please do not park in the driveway** – it must remain clear to ensure children's safety. **Should you arrive late with your children and find there is nobody at the school gate to meet them then please ensure that your children are seen safely to their classroom.**

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.

Sincerely,

(Principal)



RISK ASSESSMENT

In line with our Health & Safety Statement we have carried out a risk assessment of the route of the walk and **seek your help in supervising the areas as outlined below.**

1. **Climbing the new temporary steps from Infants Yard – infants may need help if costumes are long**
2. **Exit from school grounds on Church Road**
3. **Entry/Exit at St. Mary's Villas**
4. **Crossing street at junction of Church Road & Main Street**
5. **Entry/Exit at Harrington's Bookmakers**
6. **Exit at Church**
7. **Entrance at Church**
8. **Entrance/Exit at EuroSpar**
9. **Entrance/Exit to "Under the Wall" at Irish Street** (beside Phil Murphy's shop)
10. **Exit/Entrance at bottom of Hospital Hill**

Should you be available to help supervise any of these areas please ring the school secretary Helen at 053-9377380 who will allocate the specific area to you. We will try to leave the school building as close to 9.20am as possible (weather permitting) so the pupils should be back in school by 10.00am. Should you wish to walk the route with the pupils you would be very welcome.

Sincerely,



(Principal)