



## Parents Newsletter 1

16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. As we embark on another exciting school year, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize a few key points that will help ensure your child has a successful and enjoyable time at school. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, growth and memorable experiences. Your support and cooperation are essential in making this a successful year for all pupils.

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, learn about the curriculum, and ask any questions you may have during the course of the month of September. Please make allowances for a settling in period during September when the Teachers will get to know your child and set out the classroom management strategies and curricula for the year. We have just moved into our new school in June so our Staff are also navigating their way around the new facilities.

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### **Communication:**

Communication will be key and we will provide you with regular updates via email, School Story and the school website.

We aim to maintain clear and open communication with all Parents. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date with the school office. We are hoping to transition to Aladdin Schools in September. For those Parents who are transitioning from Scoil Óilibhéir Naofa you will already be familiar with the software administrative system.

It will allow Parents/Guardians to have secure access to messages and communications from the school and to details of their child's attendance, test results, report cards, and other selected information. We will advise in due course when the transition is taking place. Presently we will be using Databiz administrative system.

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### **The Importance of Attendance:**

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. Every school day counts, and we encourage you to ensure your child arrives on time and attends school every day unless they are unwell. Good attendance helps build consistency in learning and promotes positive habits for the future.

### **School Uniform:**

Wearing the full school uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school and a sense of identity and belonging. We ask that all students adhere to the uniform policy, details on the school website [www.ssnlaytown.ie](http://www.ssnlaytown.ie).

Additionally, please ensure that all uniform items and stationery are clearly labelled with your child's name. We do not have a holding area for lost property. As a senior primary school we promote the sense of independence and each child is responsible for their own belongings.

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### **Healthy Lunch policy:**

A nutritious lunch is essential for keeping your child energized and focused throughout the school day. Please pack a balanced lunch with plenty of fruit, vegetables, and whole grains. Please note that we are a **\*\*nut-free\*\*** school due to allergies. Kindly avoid packing any products containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. Further information on the school website [www.ssnlaytown.ie](http://www.ssnlaytown.ie) under Parents tab.

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### **Curricular Activities:**

We are excited to offer a variety of curricular activities including sporting, music, and the creative arts for your child. Our new school facilities will provide optimal opportunities to provide these activities for each year level. A detailed schedule of the activities will be available by the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. These activities provide a great opportunity for students to explore new interests and develop new skills.

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### **Positive Attitude towards Homework & School:**

Homework is an important extension of classroom learning. It reinforces concepts taught during the day and helps develop independent study habits. Please encourage your child to approach homework positively, set a routine, and provide a quiet space for them to complete their tasks.

It is also important for Parents to speak positively about our school community to your children. Parents and our Staff work collectively as a partnership to ensure that your child receives the very best educational opportunities we can offer with the facilities and resources available to us. Encourage your child to approach each day with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Remind them that challenges are opportunities to grow and that effort and persistence lead to success.

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**Supporting the Class Teacher:**

Our teachers are dedicated to providing the best education for your child. Your support at home is invaluable in reinforcing the lessons learned at school. Whether it's reviewing homework, discussing what they learned during the day, or attending school events, your involvement helps create a strong partnership between home and school.

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**The Parents Association:**

Our PTA is always looking for new members to join and assistance with school events and fundraising activities. If you are interested in becoming involved, we will be providing details of the AGM (Date and Time) in September. It is time well invested in your child's school community.

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**New School updates:**

The scope of works continues in our new school however most of the repairs has been completed. Painting and cleaning of the school will take place next week. I will advise further in my next Parents' communication Friday **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**.

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**Important reminders:**

For the latest updates, please visit our school website [www.ssnlaytown.ie](http://www.ssnlaytown.ie), School Story and the local Meath Coaster.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Kind regards

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Principal

