



## Parents Newsletter 2

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday the 28th of August** for the first full academic year in our new school.

As I had previously indicated to you in early July, there was a water leak in the school. The construction company OHLA - OHMG were on site for most of the Summer weeks to rectify the leak and oversee all repair work to be completed.

The company provided me with regular updates and timelines for the scope of works which I am happy to report is fully completed now.

The only outstanding work to be finished is the line makings on the external ball court in the main yard.

The weather has not permitted this work to be completed however I have been advised they will be on site tomorrow to finish weather permitting.

The Staff will be at the main entrance door to greet and meet the pupils, myself and Orla Garry will be at the red pedestrian gate at 9:05am to greet and meet you all on Wednesday.

For the first day back to school, it's important to plan and prepare for a smooth and safe start. Here are some pointers to help ensure a positive experience for your child:

**UPDATE INFORMATION:** Please ensure you provide the school office with updated details regarding guardianship, home address, next of kin, contact details(2 names required). If you have new information in relation to your child's profile for example, an assessment report, appointments with external outside agencies or any change to your child's healthcare plan, please provide this to the school office/class teacher as soon as possible. School and Home will collaborate to support your child.

### 1. School Bag Essentials:

Pack the school bag with all necessary stationery such as pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, and a ruler. Ensure the bag is comfortable and not too heavy to prevent back strain.

The pupils will be provided with their text books and copies on Wednesday. This year we supported a local bookshop Academy Books who are delivering the books for all year groups tomorrow. They have been very helpful and efficient to work with over the last number of weeks. [www.ssnlaytown.ie](http://www.ssnlaytown.ie) Parents tab, Stationery List 2024/2025

### 2. Healthy Lunch:

Prepare a nutritious lunch with balanced portions of fruits, vegetables, proteins, and whole grains.

Include a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please check the school website for details of our school's healthy lunch policy. We have a NUT/NUT PRODUCTS ban due to some of our pupils having a severe nut allergy.

### 3. Stationery Preparation:

Organize stationery in a pencil case to avoid losing items. Label all stationery and school supplies with your name. This will need to be replenished periodically.

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### 4. Positive Outlook:

Approach the new school year with excitement and positivity.

Goal setting for your child for the school year can have a positive impact on their wellbeing: such as making new friends, joining a club, learning a new skill/hobby or improving in a particular subject area. The Staff will continue to promote a positive and inclusive classroom environment so that your child can thrive and realise their full potential.

### 5. Using the Local Car Park:

If driving to school, make use of the local car park to avoid congestion near the school entrance.

Follow all parking rules and regulations to ensure safety for all.

Your child can then walk safely using the footpath towards the main school gate.

Be quick and efficient to keep the flow of traffic moving smoothly.

### 7. Pedestrian Lights and Crossing:

Use pedestrian lights and crossings respectfully; wait for the green signal and ensure it's safe before crossing.

Teach your child the importance of road safety and following signals.

### 8. Line Up at School Gates:

Encourage your child to line up orderly at the school gates while maintaining personal space.

Parents can supervise younger children until they enter school grounds.

The Principal and Deputy Principal will be at the gate at 9:05am to assist and guide the pupils.

### 9. Remain on Footpath:

Always stay on the footpath while walking to school to avoid accidents.

Be mindful of others and avoid running or playing on the footpath.

### 10. Promote Cycling, Scooting, and Walking:

We are an Active School. Encourage your child to cycle, scoot, or walk to school for health benefits and to reduce traffic.

Ensure that your child wears a helmet and follows all road safety rules.

### 11. Ban on Electric Scooters:

Be aware of and respect the ban on electric scooters at school for safety reasons. Choose alternative, non-motorized transportation methods for getting to school.

**12. Phone ban:** In our school we have a ban on all smart devices.

*By following these tips, you can ensure a safe, organized, and positive start to the school.*

Kind regards, Bláithín Maguire Principal