



**Meanscoil na Toirbhirte**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I hope your daughter has had an engaging year with us that has enabled her to mature and grow in confidence and that when the exams are over you all can have a restful and enjoyable Summer.

**State Exams June 2019**

We wish our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students well in the coming weeks with their exams. The girls are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

**Board of Management Agreed Report**

The Agreed Report from each Board meeting is put on the school website after each Board meeting. The Agreed Report from the 21<sup>st</sup> May meeting is now on the website

**Programmes Coordinator**

Norma Dowling is the Programmes Coordinator with responsibility for Transition Year, Leaving Cert Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. Please contact Mrs Dowling if you have any queries.

**Fundraising Split the Bucket**

The 'Split the Bucket' has been a great success. The next draw is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please encourage family members and friends to support our efforts.

**Book Rental Scheme Details for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students**

The Book Scheme in the School is a very impressive scheme. From a financial point of view it offers parents the opportunity to plan ahead and also to make considerable savings.

The checking of books in the possession of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Years 2018/2019 will take place at the following times.

**Book checking week – Start 9.30a.m.**

Date	Student
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<b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b><i>Checking Books – First Year 2018/2019</i></b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b><i>Checking Books – First Year 2018/2019</i></b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b><i>Checking Books – Second Year 2018/2019</i></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b><i>Checking Books – Second Year 2018/2019</i></b>

We ask the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students to please return all their Book Rental Books after each exam.

### **The new online Payment system**

We offer our apologies to parents regarding the number of text messages received regarding the new online payment system. The system is working extremely well and it is clearly suiting parents to avail of the online payment system. Of course we are always happy to accept payments at the office also.

### **Financial Support toward the cost of the Book Rental Scheme**

The Department of Education and Skills give all schools funding to support Needy Students

A needy student is defined as a student from a family where there is:

- Genuine hardship because of unemployment or short time working
- Prolonged illness of a parent
- Large family size with inadequate means
- Single parenthood
- Other family circumstances (e.g. alcoholism) indicating a similar degree of financial hardship

The Department of Education and Science guidelines divide such families into the following three categories:

- Families which are dependent mainly on social welfare payments
- Families on low incomes from employment (Such families should be in receipt of the Family Income Supplement (FIS) or beneficiaries under the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear scheme)
- Families which are experiencing financial hardship because of particular circumstances in the home

Entitlement to a medical card is not necessarily an indication of eligibility.

If you require support please see the application form on the website. Please submit completed applications and bring it to the school office for my attention please.



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### **A Payment Plan**

A Payment Plan is available to all parents/guardians who wish to avail of it. Please speak to me if you wish to avail of it. Each payment plan can be designed to suit each family.

### **Book List for Fifth Year Students 2019/2020**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Years students are not part of the Book Rental Scheme. The book list is now available on the school website under the Communication Tab/Parent Letters

### **School Self Evaluation and School Improvement Planning**

In 2018-2019 we concentrated on Reporting. In March 2018 the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment issued Reporting Guidelines. In light of the New Junior Cycle that includes Classroom Based Assessment, Subject Learning and Assessment Review meetings and new descriptors in school examinations we will be consulting with parents, students and staff in the coming year.

### **Use of plastic bottles**

As a School that is very committed to the Green Schools Programme, we are now adopting a policy requesting that all students use a re-usable water bottle with their name on it.

### **Summer Newsletter 2019**

The Summer Newsletter 2019 will be available shortly in print and on the website

### **School Administration Charges Change**

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions this school like many other Voluntary Secondary School is struggling financially. The School at present asks for money for the following:

#### **School Administration Charges**

- School Journal
- School Insurance
- Electronic Correspondence & Licences
- Locker
- Computer Maintenance



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The Board of Management is seeking a voluntary contribution from parents. This money will go towards supporting activities for the girls - for example Activities and Theme Weeks. The Board is requesting €150 per family as a voluntary contribution.

### **School Uniform**

It is very important that all students wear the correct uniform at all times.

The uniform is available in the town, is Irish sourced and is of good quality.

- **Brown Trousers / Brown Skirt - The skirt must be worn at knee length**
- **Shirt**
- **Brown V neck jumper**
- **Black or Brown Shoes:**

**Students can wear whatever shoes they choose coming and going from School but wear black or brown shoes at School. Runners or footwear that resembles runners are not accepted.**

### **September Information/Consultation Evenings**

I will be holding Information Evenings as usual for all parents in September 2019.

### **Communication with parents**

Please ensure that the School has your correct contact details. If you have changed your mobile number or if you are not receiving text messages contact the office. The School Website, Facebook page and Twitter accounts are important sources of information for parents.

### **Parents' Association/Student Council meetings with the Board of Management in May 2019**

The Parents' Association and the Student Council Executive met with the Board of Management on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was a very engaging and worthwhile encounter. The Board acknowledged and thanked the parents for the wonderful support the school receives from them.

The Student Council presented an excellent report to the Board on the extensive list of Council activities during the year. Please see the Agreed Report from the BOM meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May for a report on the Parents' Association meeting with the BOM.

### **New Board of Management September 2019**

There will be an AGM of the Parents' Association in September to nominate two parents to the Board of Management.

### **School Office**



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The School Office will close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at noon and will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. I wish to thank Geraldine, Jayne, Elaine and Bridie for their professionalism, wonderful work and kindness to all who have contact with them.

### **Supervised Study**

Supervised Study will be as follows from September 2019

Monday & Tuesday 4.15p.m. – 6.15p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.45p.m. – 6.15p.m.

### **Contact in August**

You will receive a detailed letter from me in August 2019 outlining the main issues for the 2019-2020 academic year.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and students for the support and goodwill we receive from you all. This school is a wonderful school, full of commitment, hard work and dedication to our students.

Please contact me at any time should any issues arise.

May God bless you

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**Eileen Kennelly  
Principal**

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**August/September Return dates for students**

- ✚ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August: Transition Years
- ✚ Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>: First Year and TY students
- ✚ Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>: LCA 2, Third and Sixth Year students
- ✚ Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>: Second and Fifth Year students

**Members of the Board of Management**

**Trustee Nominees**

Shay Downes      Chairperson  
Sr. Mary McMahon  
Ed Hayes  
May Frances Behan

**Parents' Association Nominees**

Dorothy Stack  
Deirdre O'Neill

**Staff Nominees**

Gerard Tarrant  
Lisa Whelan