

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást,
Béal Guala,
Co. Chorcaí.



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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is hoped that the following information will be of benefit in assisting with initial preparations for when pupils resume school after the summer break.

SCOIL MHUIRE NA NGRÁST (DEY MATHEMATICS EVALUATION)

The Department of Education & Youth undertook a Mathematics Curriculum evaluation at the school in early March and the related report has been published recently. In this regard, the Board of Management wishes to acknowledge and commend school management, all staff, parents and pupils for their committed and on-going collective endeavours with supporting the exceptionally good learning, teaching and assessment of Mathematics at Scoil Mhuire na nGrást. Further details on the above-mentioned link.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026/2027

Further to 'School Calendar 2026/2027' (v.18/03/2026) which you received earlier in March (and attached again), please note that the school will be re-opening after the summer break on **Wednesday, 26 August 2026**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLY DETAILS 2026/2027 (CAHILL'S CARRIGALINE)

Further to previous Home/School correspondence in early March, the afore-mentioned link contains related details and updates.

Just to note the new tracksuit will only be available in Cahill's Carrigaline from the beginning of July.

To assist with returning lost uniform items, please label everything clearly with your child's name.

Cahill's Carrigaline has advised of the following:

CAHILL'S SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- Uniforms will be available to buy in our **store** in Carrigaline and **online** from the beginning of July 2026
- Please check out our website for directions and opening hours - www.cahillschoolwear.ie
- To facilitate correct sizing, it may be best, if possible, for Junior Infant pupils to visit the store in Carrigaline
- If visiting the store, please note that there may be queues and some delays, so please bear with us
- August is always particularly busy, so, if at all possible, please visit in July

If you have any questions or queries, please email us and we will get back to you as soon as possible

Cahills Menswear, Kilmoney Road, Carrigaline

www.cahillschoolwear.ie

Email: - info@cahillschoolwear.ie

Phone: 085 2412107

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In the interests of supporting effective school discipline, appropriate wear and the promotion of a cohesive school environment, the Board of Management is grateful for parental support and co-operation in respect of the school's uniform policy.

FREE SCHOOLBOOKS SCHEME 2025/2026 & RETURN OF BOOKS

In preparation for the *Free Schoolbook Scheme 2026/2027*, all school books (2025/2026) need to be returned to the school by no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, 17 June. Should your child not be in school tomorrow, please return books to your child's class teacher on their return to school.

Also, should your child have any class library books, guided reading books (e.g. PM books...) or school class novels, please ensure that these are also returned to the school.

SHERPA KIDS (Before & After-School Childcare Programme 2026/2027)

Just a reminder that families may avail of the above-mentioned service at the school. Should you wish to avail of this service, Sherpa has requested that, in the first instance, contact be made via email.

Email: bns@sherpakids.ie

Telephone: 083-0103968

The Board of Management wishes to advise families that this activity, facilitated by an independent contractor, is independent of the primary function of the school. Therefore, all queries, related arrangements (including, where necessary, individual pupil needs/requirements) and other contact in respect of this facility is to be made directly and separately with Sherpa and not through the school office.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2026/2027 – Irish dancing, Music, Drama & Art

Relevant details are outlined on the school's website at <https://www.belgoolyns.ie/after-school-activities>

The Board of Management wishes to advise families that these activities, facilitated by independent contractors, are independent of the primary function of the school. Therefore, all queries, related arrangements (including, where necessary, individual pupil needs/requirements) and other contact in respect of these activities is to be made directly and separately with the respective tutor/group and not through the school office.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMME SCHEME 2026/2027

This service will resume again in the new school year on **Monday, 31 August** (except for Junior Infants 2026/2027) and families who have registered their children previously need take no further action at this point. Just to note, there is **no hot lunch service from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 August (incl.)** and pupils will need to bring their own lunch for these days.

Should you have a child commencing **Junior Infants in 2026/2027**, a separate school communication in early September will provide additional details in respect of the commencement of hot lunches for this class group on **Monday, 14 September**.

The Board of Management wishes to advise that this service is independent of the primary function of the school, and facilitated by an independent provider. All queries, related arrangements (including, where necessary, individual pupil needs/requirements) and other contact in respect of such a service is to be made directly and separately with the service provider and not through the school office.

BELGOOLY SHOW (2026)

Well done to all the pupils who submitted entries and took part in various events at the *Belgooly Show*. This community event provides a unique educational, creative, social and cultural experience for the children of *Clontead Parish*.

SUMMER STARS

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the **2nd of June until the end of August 2026**. All children are invited to join the adventure and participants will be given a Summer Stars Reading Activity Book to record and track their own progress. Further details at your local library in Kinsale or Carrigaline

CORK PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS 2026

Cork Primary School Sports Day took place last month. Well done to all our participants who enjoyed their trip to MTU and achieved some impressive wins – a county champion, 2nd in county, a first & third in the sprints and a second and two firsts in the relays! Thank you to our Cork Primary School Sports Committee for organising our school's participation at this event.

SPORTS FOR ALL DAY (2026)

The *Scoil Mhuire na nGrást* 'Sports for All Day' will be held on *Friday, 19 June*, weather permitting. Each class will be participating. Children may wear their school tracksuit and runners and only need bring their pencil case, a snack, lunch and plenty to drink. Sun-cream application is advisable.

The *Parents' Association* has kindly organised a complimentary ice-cream for each child on the day.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2025/2026

The Parents' Association & Friends of the Parents' Association are to be commended for their committed and resourceful efforts which have enhanced school life for all throughout this past year in terms of their educational and social contributions: 'Welcome' refreshments for our 'Open Evening' in October 2025 and 'New Entrant Evening - March 2026', Halloween decorations, Santa's Grotto & visit 2025, School Calendar 2026, school tours, bus transport, the Easter Raffle, preparation for *Free Schoolbook Scheme 2025/2026 & 2026/2027*, ice-cream van (see overpage) and subsidising hoodies for our departing sixth class pupils, as well as a take-away treat for their farewell celebration. Of course, this would not have been feasible without the support the PA has received throughout the year from school families, the wider community and the local business community. The Parents' Association are most appreciative of such help and assistance. We have 233 school families and your support in helping the Parents' Association going forward in 2026/2027 in any way would be most welcome.

Many parents continue to advocate most generously on the school's behalf in terms of potentially beneficial educational related activities, resources, projects or initiatives (e.g. ICT equipment, website, excursion venues, educational related programmes and various expertise & resources). Such opportunities complement and continue to add to the pupils' learning and general school experience. Should you wish to bring such a possibility to our attention for consideration, please feel free to contact the school.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our visitor numbers to our school website, which features a vast range of activities and events, continue to rise. In addition, it includes school information and educational related links you may find useful e.g. parents' section, previous Home/School notes 2025/2026, Requisites List 2026/2027, School Calendar 2026/2027.... We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Finn, Assistant Principal, & Mr Coomey who both play a pivotal role in organising the school website during the year.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (2026/2027)

Parents are requested to inform the Board, through the principal, of any allergies or any *Specific Requirements* of their child. The Board will then inform all parents of a food allergy within the school. Without identifying any individual pupils, the teachers will make their pupils aware of food allergies. This, the Board hopes will provide a safe environment and invites parents, staff, pupils and school visitors for their co-operation.

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Because the consequences of a child having an allergic reaction can be serious, the Board assumes that the whole school community will assist in making the school as safe as is reasonably possible for each child. Regarding School Year 2026/2027, please note we have pupils in the following classes who have particular allergies: Junior Infants (Sesame), Third (eggs), Fourth (nuts), Sixth (nuts & shellfish), and who have been advised to avoid all foods containing same. We ask for your co-operation in this respect.

SPECTACLE FRANÇAIS

As part of the Modern Foreign Languages initiative, 5th and 6th classes have been learning French. An initiative which promotes an awareness of languages and cultures, both 5th classes are hosting a "spectacle français" today on regions on France where projects including culture, food, history, art, sport will be showcased for all pupils. Bravo aux étudiants!

SUMMER BREAK

The school will close for the summer break on **Tuesday, 23 June at 12 noon**. Should you have a child in Junior or Senior Infants who is to depart school in the company of an older sibling as a 'Walker' or 'Bus', arrangements will be made by the relevant staff for these pupils to join their older siblings. The usual school bus provision will operate at this earlier time. In addition, just to note, there is **no hot lunch service on Monday & Tuesday, 22 & 23 June** and pupils will need to bring their own lunch for these days.

The school will re-open after the summer break on **Wednesday, 26 August 2026**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their combined endeavours in ensuring a successful school year. The staff, for their dedicated, caring and professional approach, the committed and resourceful efforts of the Parents' Association, the wider school community for their practical support and co-operation, the Board of Management for overseeing improvements to the school's physical environment and the pupils for their enthusiastic application to school and their excellent behaviour. We also wish our 6th class the very best of luck in their new secondary schools and we look forward to welcoming our new enrolments at the start of the next school term. Meanwhile, wishing you and your families a pleasant, enjoyable and safe summer.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS

- Final School Assembly 2025/2026 (*spectacle français en Juin!*) – **Mardi, 16 Juin**
- 'Active Travel' morning (BOW/SOW/WOW) – **Wednesday, 17 June** (Active Travel promotion). See school email (10/06/2026) for further details
- 'Sixth Class 2025/2026 Farewell' celebration (*Halla na Scoile*) – **Wednesday, 17 June 7.00-8.00pm**
- Sixth Class School Tour – Tralee Wetlands & McDonalds on **Thursday, 18 June 2026**
- Active Week & Sports for All Day 2026 - **Friday, 19 June**
- *Belgooly's Got Talent 2026!* – **Monday, 22 June**
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Yours faithfully,
 Diarmuid Hennessy
 School Principal