

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



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Re: SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2023/2024 (v. 08/06/2023)

08/06/2023

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/2024

Further to 'School Calendar 2023/2024' (v.20/02/2023) which you received earlier in March (and attached again), please note that the school will be re-opening after the summer break on **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLY DETAILS 2023/2024 (CAHILL'S CARRIGALINE)

The Scoil Mhuire na nGrást uniform consists of wine jumper/cardigan with school crest, grey trousers/pinafore/skirt, wine tie, blue shirt and regular school shoes. Pupils wear tracksuits for sporting and PE related activities, class teachers will inform you of these days in September. A white polo shirt is to be worn under tracksuit and pupils may wear runners with tracksuit.

During the months of May, June & September, in addition to the main school uniform or the school tracksuit on designated days (as above), pupils may also wear a white polo t-shirt, an up-cycled short version of the existing school tracksuit or wine-coloured shorts (the latter being available from the school's uniform supplier). **To assist with returning lost uniform items, please label clothing clearly with your child's name.**

Cahill's Carrigaline has advised of the following:

CAHILL'S SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- Uniforms are now available to buy in our **store** in Carrigaline and **online**.
- 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 come earlier this summer.

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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SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

The school's enrolment for August 2023, DES staff allocation, available physical classroom space, age, gender balance, previous class groupings and SET requirements form the basis for *Class Groupings 2023/2024*. Based on these criteria, the Board of Management has approved and confirmed the following class groupings for the next school year.

NOTE – First Column – Your child's current class & teacher (2022/2023)

Second Column – Your child's class & teacher for next school year 2023/2024

Third Column – You will find your child's 'Requisites List' (*see page 3 of this note*) for next school year (2023/2024) on this page number in the '**Requisites List 2023/2024**' (v.08June2023) which is attached

CLASS & TEACHER 2022/2023	CLASS & TEACHER 2023/2024	REQUISITES 2023/2024 (PAGE NO.)
N/A	Junior Infants A (Ms O'Donovan)	1
N/A	Junior Infants B (Ms Hurley)	2
Junior Infants A (Ms O'Donovan)	Senior Infants A (Ms L Collins)	3
Junior Infants B (Ms Hurley)	Senior Infants B (Mrs Finn)	4
Senior Infants A (Ms L Collins)	First Class A (Mrs Clancy)	5
Senior Infants B (Mrs Finn)	First Class B (Ms O'Sullivan)	6
First Class A (Mrs Lennon)	Second Class A (Ms O'Driscoll)	7
First Class B (Ms. O'Leary)	Second Class B (Mr Cotter)	8
Second Class A (Mr Cotter)	Third Class A (Ms O'Leary)	9
Second Class B (Ms O'Driscoll)	Third Class B (Ms O'Hea)	10
Third Class A (Ms J O'Sullivan)	Fourth Class A (Ms O'Callaghan)	11
Third Class B (Ms O'Hea/Ms Kiely)	Fourth Class B (Mr Lane)	12
Fourth Class A (Mrs Ryan/Mrs Miyazaki)	Fifth Class A (Ms M Murphy)	13
Fifth Class A (Mrs Clancy)	Sixth Class A (Mr Hayes-Curtin)	14
Fifth Class B (Ms O'Callaghan)	Sixth Class B (Ms O'Neill)	15

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SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING TEAM 2023/2024

Ms C Murphy, Mrs Hickey, Mrs Hellstern/Mrs Miyazaki, Mrs Lennon, Ms Walsh & Ms Patterson

SPECIAL CLASS FOR PUPILS WITH AUTISM 2023/2024

Class teacher - Ms Cronin

FREE SCHOOLBOOKS SCHEME 2023/2024 & 'REQUISITES LIST 2023/2024'

Further to related Home/School correspondence last month (16/05/2023), the Department of Education is providing funding to schools to facilitate provision for free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for all pupils at the start of the new school year.

In relation to requisites (i.e. pens, pencils, mathematical sets, tin whistle etc.), which are not covered by the scheme, requirements on what items parents/guardians need to supply for the return to school in August are outlined in the attached '**Requisites List 2023/2024**' (v.08June2023).

BOOK RENTAL SCHEME 2022/2023 PARTICIPANTS & RETURN OF BOOKS

In preparation for the *Free Schoolbook Scheme 2023/2024*, **Tuesday 13 June** is the designated date for the final return and collection of books from all pupils who participated in *Book Rental Scheme 2022/2023*. Should your child not be in school on this day, please return books to your child's class teacher before this date. 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 by this date.

SHERPA KIDS (Before & After-School Childcare Programme 2023/2024)

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 2023/2024 – Irish dancing, Music, Drama & Art

Further to a previous school email on 16/05/2023, 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.

'THE LUNCH BAG' (Independent School Lunch Provider)

The school is currently facilitating, on a trial basis, an independent school lunch provider service, *The Lunch Bag*, for pupils. This is an optional service and has been operational since early May 2023. Information on their dedicated app, order times etc. are outlined in the related information note attached. *The Lunch Bag* website www.thelunchbag.ie contains further information and has a helpful FAQ section at <https://www.thelunchbag.ie/faq/>. Should you have any further queries, they may also be emailed directly at info@thelunchbag.ie

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The Board of Management wishes to advise that as such a potential 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 this service is to be made directly and separately with *The Lunch Bag* and not through the school office.

BELGOOLY SHOW (2023)

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*.

CRUINNIÚ NA nÓG (June 2023)

Cork County Council Library and Arts Service has announced the 2023 *Cruinniú na nÓg 2023* programme, with almost 40 events planned across Cork County. *Cruinniú na nÓg* is a day of free creativity for children and young people taking place this year on Saturday, June 10th. For further details, please visit <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/cork/>

CORK CARNIVAL OF SCIENCE (10 & 11 June 2023)

For further details, please visit <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/cork-carnival-of-science/>

CORK PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS 2023

Cork Primary School Sports Day took place on Thursday, 01 June. Well done to all our participants who enjoyed their trip to MTU and achieved some impressive wins – two firsts & two thirds in the sprints & the girl's relay team was placed third! Thank you to our Cork Primary School Sports Committee for organising our school's participation at this event.

SPORTS FOR ALL DAY (2023)

The *Scoil Mhuire na nGrást 'Sports For All Day'* will be held on *Monday, 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.

SCHOOL REPORTS 2023

Annual Pupil Reports 2023 are currently being finalised and will issue to all families later next week, via Aladdin 'Connect'.

SUMMER BREAK

The school will close for the Summer break on **Thursday, 22 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.

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Yours faithfully,
Mr. Diarmuid Hennessy
School Principal