

What is new at our school?

We have a new **SCHOOL ZONE** which is designed to:

- improve front of school access;
- reduce traffic at school gates which increases safety;
- improve air quality at the front of schools;
- give priority to students walking and cycling.

What are the benefits of the new infrastructure?

The addition of the **SCHOOL ZONE** aims to address safety concerns raised by parents in the SRTS parent survey conducted in 2021.

98.5% of parents said they would support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first.

“A footpath or right of way for students would be great here, especially on rainy days when kids are often made wait while the cars manoeuvre..”

*Scoil Mhuire na nGrást
Parent Comments*



School Zone sketch for Scoil Mhuire na nGrást

REMEMBER

- Please leave the **SCHOOL ZONE** free of cars
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Avail of the improved pedestrian network and parking within the village
- Accompany and encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle either from home or Park'N'Stride areas
- Avail of the school bus scheme if you can
- If you must drive to school, consider car-pooling
- Respect and keep the road clear for residents near the school

Support our school in ensuring that all children can travel to school safely!

"Ideally if they could safely get from the village to the school gate on a continuous path directly into the school without having to walk behind cars turning and reversing."

"During drop off in the morning no cars should be allowed park between main school gate and entrance to staff car park as there are many children walking and cycling. Only buses should be allowed at main gate to drop children safely and safely move away after drop off. Buses are large and the driver is trying to avoid children walking on the road to get around parked and moving cars in the above-mentioned area".

"Front of school is extremely busy with cars. Cars are allowed to park near to the school gate which forces children to move onto the road to pass. Children need a dedicated raised footpath to the school gate. This would facilitate park and stride."