

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



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In early December 2023, the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, announced that Scoil Mhuire na nGrást was one of nine hundred schools to be approved for the Hot School Meals Programme. The objective of this free School Meals Programme is to provide regular, nutritious food to children to support them in taking full advantage of their educational opportunity. Furthermore, it is an important component of policies to encourage school attendance and extra educational achievement.

Following the announcement, the school's Board of Management has been liaising with potential suppliers and the board is pleased to advise that Ashdale Catering Ltd., a local Cork-based company, is the nominated provider. It is planned that the hot meal will be provided prior to the pupils' second school break-time (i.e. 12.35pm approx) and that the scheme will commence just after the Easter break (i.e. from Monday, 08 April onwards). To facilitate such provision, school families are now requested to attend to registering details with Ashdale Catering Ltd., and, in this regard, please refer to the attached letter from Ashdale Catering Ltd.. Once registered, it is possible to access their portal and proceed with ordering from the menu. Of course, this is an optional service and pupils may continue to bring their own lunch, if they wish. In any case, pupils may also wish to bring a smaller healthy food and/or fruit snack for the earlier break-time.

Families are requested to familiarise themselves with the related service provider. Their website www.ashdalecatering.ie contains related information and has a helpful FAQ section. Should you have any further queries, they may also be emailed directly at sales@ashdalecatering.ie. To register and set up your account with Ashdale Catering Ltd., please email sales@ashdalecatering.ie

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.

The school also wishes to express its appreciation to The Lunch Bag for their school lunch provider service since last May. This service will continue up to and including Friday, 22 March and will discontinue thereafter.

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Cathaoirleach, An Bhóird Bainistíochta


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