

**Scoil Chríost Rí,
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1st September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer despite the inclement weather at times.

Welcome back to all the staff and pupils after their break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and pupils who have joined other classes

Welcome to Ms. Brennan who has joined our staff for the job sharing arrangement. A warm congratulations to Ms. Cawley who celebrated her wedding to Conor over the summer holidays. Congratulations to Mr. Bartley who got engaged to Sarah over the break also.

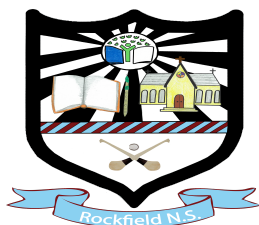
Please note the following:

School times: Please note that our school day is from 9.20a.m to 3.00p.m. (9.20a.m to 2.00p.m for Junior Infants(12.00p.m. for first two weeks) and Senior Infants) and supervision of pupils in the school grounds is not provided at times outside of these. Children will not be allowed in the school building until our official starting time of 9.20a.m. Please do not drop off your child before the gates open in the morning.

Parents of the infant classes are requested to wait outside the side gate (entrance gate used for entry in the mornings) until the teachers walk their classes to this gate at 2.00pm. This will minimise the disruption to older classes in the school building.

Education welfare Act: Under the terms of the Act, all absences of children from school **must be explained in writing or by email, by Parents/ Guardians. Although we appreciate a phone call, it is not sufficient for the school's records.** The explanation should contain the name of the pupil, the reason for absence and must be signed by a Parent/Guardian and dated. The school must retain all these written explanations for inspection by the Education Welfare Officer. Please note that under the Education Welfare Act, if any pupil is absent for 20 days or more in any school year (September to June), the Board and Principal are compelled by law to notify Tusla and the Education Board/Officer.

School Uniform: Well done to all the children who are looking so well in the school uniform and black shoes. The children may wear **plain navy cotton tracksuit bottoms (no labelled brands e.g. Nike, Canterbury, Adidas)** with their polo t- shirts and school jumpers **for P.E only. Full school uniforms including black shoes (no sports labels e.g. NIKE sign, Adidas stripes)** are to be worn for the remaining 4 days of the week. **You will be contacted to bring in the**



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correct clothing if your child wears clothes not deemed as appropriate uniform. P.E. Day will be decided at a later date by the class teacher.

Healthy Lunches: Children are not allowed sweets, bars, crisps, chewing gum, chocolate or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. They are also encouraged to use **re-usable plastic bottles for drinks and lunchboxes to reduce litter and avoid any packaging.** This is in keeping with Green Schools, the current climate change crisis and our *Healthy Eating Policies*. Healthy eating options/ideas can be viewed in the policy on our school [website](http://www.rockfieldns.eu).

Insurance: Please find attached the Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Form. Please complete and return to the school with appropriate money by Friday, 8th September 2023.

Payments: I would be grateful if all monies were paid by Friday, 8th September 2023. The photocopying and Art & Craft is €30 per child. Please make payment to the class teacher **in a sealed envelope with the child's name and class on it.**

Rules: Please read the information booklet with your child and ensure they are familiar with the rules of our school.

School Website: We hope you enjoy browsing through our blogs and useful school information on the school website during the academic year.

School Books: It is important to protect the books from daily 'wear and tear', especially any new schemes purchased over the last couple of years. **You must cover all your child's books immediately and ensure they are kept in good condition.**

A special word of thanks to Rachel Adams, a parent, for her kind gesture towards the school. She has nominated our school for the Tesco Community Fund this month in the Sligo store. Customers can choose our school to give the recyclable token they will receive at the checkout. Up to €2000 is distributed between three local causes. The more tokens donated, the larger share of the donation we will receive. We encourage you, grandparents, relatives and friends to shop in Tesco and to donate the token you receive at the checkout towards our cause. We are currently trying to fundraise any additional money for a new astroturf pitch on the grounds.

There has been a great response to our *SCHOOL LOTTO* over the past year. A special word of thanks to all those who have contributed. We really appreciate your support. We are hoping to develop our school grounds with an astro turf surface for all year round use and are dependent on fundraising to meet quite a substantial deficit to commence any works. This time frame will be determined by affordability so we would appreciate your and your extended family's support.



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Please spread the word to grandparents, extended family and friends to join. The weekly prize is €20; the jackpot currently stands at €800. The jackpot rolls over weekly (to a maximum of €2000). Winners are announced weekly. Any weekly winners over the summer holidays, will receive their prize money over the next week. Click on the following link if you wish to join <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/rockfieldns/>

Please ensure to inform the school of any changes to your mobile numbers, so as the Text-a-Parent and School Directory can be updated accordingly as you will not receive updated correspondence via text message.

Please note the following date:

Half Day on Friday 8th September 2023 at 12.30p.m, to facilitate a staff meeting. Siblings of the junior infant class may go home at 12.00p.m (as arranged for the first two weeks) on the half day.

Thank you for your cooperation in the above matters.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Ms. M Scanton
Príomhoide