



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child will be starting in school on Thursday 29th August in the Convent Campus.

We look forward to welcoming them to Claremorris National School.

Here are a few important points to note in preparation for the return to school.

Opening Time

Both campuses will have an official school start time of 9am. We will open to receive pupils from 8.50am. There will be no supervision in place prior to this time. Pupils should be in school, ready to start their day, at 9am.

Convent Campus: Stop and Drop system in place where children alight from four cars at a time (two in front of the pedestrian crossing and two after). Staff will be present to assist. Children should wait at the school gate until they are told to make their way into the school.

Kilcolman Campus: We kindly ask parents/guardians **not to park on the double yellow lines** when dropping children to school. Please park safely. We have kindly been granted permission by Tesco, Lidl and Aldi to use their car parks for drop off and collection. In the mornings, children should wait at the bicycle shelter for doors to open at 8.50am.

Closing Time

School will close to infant pupils at 1.40pm and to students from 1st-6th class at 2.40pm. Children should be collected promptly after school.

Convent Campus: Infant parents should wait at the gate for their child's class to be brought out to the yard. They may then walk to the yard to collect. Other parents should wait outside the gate to collect at 2.40pm.

Kilcolman Campus: Once again, we would ask for you not to park/collect from in front of the school.

We realise that parents/guardians will be collecting from two campuses which may cause delays. We will review the system once we are back at school.

Uniforms

New Junior Infants should wear a **navy tracksuit** and yellow polo shirt. All other classes can wear the uniforms of the current schools i.e. **navy tracksuit (not black)**, blue or yellow polo shirt, grey trousers, grey pinafore, blue jumper/cardigan, light blue shirt.

Children do not need to wear crested uniforms.

Discussions around the new school uniform will take place in the new school year.

School Books

School books will be provided in school through Department of Education (DE) funding.

Stationery

The stationery list for your child's class is attached.

Money Collection

We are asking for a contribution to cover the following costs: 24 hr pupil insurance, Accelerated Reading, online subscriptions, arts and crafts materials, science experiment materials and photocopying.

We are asking for €60 for one child, €100 for two children or €130 for three or more children.

Unfortunately, funding provided by the DE is not sufficient and schools rely heavily on parental contributions and fundraising to function.

This money can be sent into the school with your child in an envelope clearly marked with their name or dropped into the school office. At this time, we do not have an epayments system set up.

Lunches

We are still awaiting an update regarding hot school lunches for Claremorris National School. Until further notice, parents will need to provide lunch for their children in accordance with the healthy eating policies of both schools.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this a seamless return to school for all.

Kind regards,

Grace Burke (Principal)

Ciarán Murray (Deputy Principal)