



Dear Parents and Guardians,

October 15th, 2024

Emergency Closure: We have been notified by the ESB that there will be no electricity supply to the school on Thursday October 24th. The school will thus be closed. The school is also closed on November 22nd.

New Classroom: I am delighted to inform you that our new special class is now open, providing an inclusive and supportive learning environment for children with additional needs. We welcome our new children warmly as they become part of our school community. This is an exciting and positive step for our school as we continue to nurture a culture of diversity, acceptance and care for all our students. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels welcome, valued and supported in reaching their full potential.

Carpark Safety: As we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all our students, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of safety around dropping off and collecting your children. From tomorrow, we are designating the park near the church to cars with pupils in Infants and 1st Classes, while the new carpark is designated to all other pupils. We are confident this will ensure a smooth and safe traffic flow during busy times. I must strongly urge you not to use the teachers' car park near the school gate at any time. This area is not suitable for drop-offs or pick-ups, as superfluous cars constantly entering and exiting would create a significant risk of accidents with young children moving about. Your cooperation in this matter is crucial to keeping all of our students safe. Please use the new facilities provided and help us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Sacraments: Fr Michael has asked us to remind parents who are presenting their children for the sacraments to return the required form at their earliest convenience.

Attendance: I would like to draw your attention to the issue of absenteeism and its impact on our pupils. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. When pupils miss school, they miss out on important lessons, social interactions and opportunities to build essential skills. Even short absences can lead to gaps in understanding, making it harder for them to keep up with the curriculum and affecting their overall progress. We understand that there are times when absences are unavoidable, but consistent attendance is key to helping your child thrive academically and socially. Your support in ensuring your child is present as much as possible will make a significant difference in their education. Please consult the [school calendar](#) as you plan holidays and family occasions to avoid school absences.

School Uniform: Compliance with the school uniform is being monitored. A number of pupils seem to wear non uniform clothes regularly. The uniform includes the PE sweatshirts and plain navy tracksuit bottoms (**no leggings, stripes or logos**) on PE days. I ask parents of these children to insist that they wear the proper uniform in accordance with school rules and out of respect for the majority of children who wear it all the time.

Punctuality: School commences at 9:20am for all pupils. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day, as punctuality supports their academic progress and helps maintain a positive and productive learning environment for all students. If children arrive late, it not only disrupts their own learning but also interrupts the teaching and focus of their classmates. The start of the school day is crucial, as it sets the tone for learning and often includes important instructions or activities that prepare students for the rest of the day. Arriving on time allows your child to settle into the classroom routine and ensures they don't miss out on valuable learning time.

Parents' Association: Thanks to our PA who held a very successful bake sale on Friday. We thank you for your contributions. We encourage parents to get involved. The committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00PM in the parish hall. We greatly appreciate the PA's continued support and dedication to our school.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Geraghty, principal.