



Fáilte ar ais

Welcome back to all. Welcome to our new parents and children. We hope you will be very happy in Scoil Iósaif Naofa. As usual the Tuesday folder will be sent home every Tuesday via email. Please ensure it is read and that important dates and times are noted.

Please see our schools Mission Statement and Child Safety Statement attached.



Our Literacy Lift off Programme will be starting up again next week for boys in Ms Cormican's class. It is a very successful reading programme and we see very positive results each year. Please ensure that when your son is participating in the programme that you listen to his new reading every night. Each of our junior classes get the same opportunity to avail of L.L.O. and will be timetabled at different times throughout the term.

It is very important that all of our students read every night and that an adult listens to them read if they need a little extra support. Please don't underestimate the value of reading with your child at home.



School opening times The official opening hours of Scoil Iósaif Naofa are 8 50am- 2 30pm. The school will accept pupils 10-15 minutes prior to official opening times. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will end each day at 2 30pm. Again the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after this time. Of course there are always exceptional circumstances and we will always do our very best to accommodate children when required. On very wet mornings, the children will be supervised in the halla 10-15 minutes prior to official opening times. They may stand under the canopy of the two story building until staff are available for early supervision.

Collection points

First class children can now be collected from the front or back gates of the school from tomorrow. Please refrain from walking into the courtyard earlier than 2 25/30 pm as it can be distracting for boys and teachers in their classrooms.

It is important that your son knows where they are to be collected from each day.



Appointments Should you wish to speak with a class teacher or the principal please ring the secretary's office to arrange an appointment. We will do our very best to set up a meeting as soon as possible. We are always happy to speak with parents over any concern they may have. *It is important that parents do not arrive at a classroom wanting to talk with the class teacher/deliver a message to their child without prior arrangement.*

Lost & Found Many jumpers, tops, jackets etc have been left in the school over the summer. We will have a lost and found area at reception from 2pm on Friday if anyone wants to reclaim any lost clothing items. Any clothes not collected will be donated to charity on Friday evening.



Student Absence Notes In the event of a child being absent from school, a student absence note should be filled in. Blank attendance notes are at the back of their homework diaries- these should be filled in and left in the diary.

Please note that we are obliged to inform Tusla when a child has missed 20 days or more during the school year. Once we have doctor's cert/ attendance notes stating a genuine reason for the number of days missed this will not be a matter of concern.

School Payments Thank you for your contributions to date. Our online payments system is up and running and you all have been sent a link. We will issue a statement towards the end of the month showing your payments to date and any outstanding payments due.



Parking Please do not park at front of school during drop off or pick up times. We understand that space is very limited around the school to park. We have requested that if possible parents park in the church grounds and the boys can come up to the school through the back entrance.

Reminders for Book Rental Care

Please remind your son not to mark or write on the rental books and to take care of them as they are putting them into their schoolbag.

When putting books and copies into the schoolbag, the copy can be with the book, but not in between the pages of the book as this puts pressure on the spine of the textbook.

The corner of the book pages must not be folded down as bookmarks.

Books which are returned in a non-rentable condition, or books lost, must be replaced and the cost borne by the renter.

Special Educational Needs Support (SEN) Please read letter attached from our SEN team.

As we begin our school year, on behalf of all the staff and Board of Management at Scoil Íosaif Naofa, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your son(s) well in the year ahead.

We look forward to working with you as part of our school community and as always we very much appreciate your continued support.

Regards

Maeve Meeneghan