

Scoil Iósaif Naofa Newsletter

Sep 5th 2023



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 newsletter will be sent home every Tuesday via Aladdin. Please ensure it is read and that important dates and times are noted. The Aladdin app can be downloaded on your phone.

*Please see our schools Mission Statement and Child Safety Statement, Anti Bullying policy, Code of Behaviour on our website www.oranmoreboysns.ie

All are available in hard copy also if you'd like to request same from the office.

Child Safeguarding: School's DLP (DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: Maeve Meeneghan)

Schools DDLP (Deputy Liason person: JoAnn Coyne)

<u>School opening times</u> 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. Children remain in the school yard for morning assembly at 8 50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before this 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 their classrooms 10 -15 minutes prior to official opening times for those arriving early.



Collection points

It is important that your son knows where they are to be collected from each day, please remind your children to come back to the front office if they can't find the person that is due to collect them



Please see flyer attached if you are interested in ordering from The Lunch Bag.

This is a private lunch company that provide lunches directly to the school for your son. Orders are taken via their app. All prices are available to view on this app.

Any questions please direct to mark.oboyle@oranmoreboysns.ie

Allergies,

We have a few children in the school with nut allergies – please do not send in any lunch items with your child that contain nuts.

Strictly no nuts or nut products (Nutella) allowed.

Please also contact the office (091790312) or by email at info@oranmoreboysns.ie if your child has an allergy that we may not be aware of

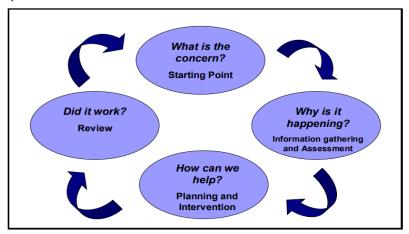


INTO- RETURN TO SCHOOL Tips For parents

https://www.into.ie/app/uploads/2019/07/2023 24-Tips-for-Parents-EN.pdf?_gl=1*1jbjgvm*_up*MQ..*_ga*MjQ0MDY2MjQ2LjE2OTMzMDkwMzY.*_ga_V3S1J2P1JB*MTY5MzMwOTAzNi4xLjAuMTY5MzMwOTAzNi4wLjAuMA..&dm_i=7L5E,9BN,4MIG7,0N9,1

<u>Please see letter attached also from INTO looking for your vote/voice to be heard in attempting this year to further fight to reduce our pupil teacher ratio among other changes.</u>

Special Education Needs



Please see a letter attached outlining how extra supports are allocated and to give you a further understanding as to how children get extra learning supports in class.

Again our SEN team will reach out to you over coming days/weeks and as needed throughout the year to keep you informed and involved in your son's learning.

Gaelbratach

This year we are delighted to participate in year 2 of Gaelbratach programme. The initiative supports us in our teaching of the Irish Language. Schools are awarded the Gaelbratach upon successful completion of a variety of targets.

Please support and follow us on our Journey. You will be updated on initiatives as the year progresses.



Communication

All communication between parents and school will take place in so far as possible via the Aladdin App Please download same to have access to its features.

<u>If a parent needs to communicate with a teacher, they can do so via the Aladdin app</u>. Please go to noticeboard and contact school. You can choose to contact the teacher only (private message) or the teacher and include the office in the message.

It is very simple to do; instructions are attached to this newsletter to support you if needed.

If you need to contact the principal on a private matter please do not hesitate to contact the school via our email info@oranmoreboysns.ie (office) , principal@oranmoreboysns.ie (private) and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Arriving late - Collecting Early

Again please use the Aladdin app to log and late arrival or an early collection.

Click on attendance notes and you will see an option for late arrival or early collection. Fill in as needed.

We are trying to streamline our systems and 'do away' with our previous 'sign out' log.

<u>School Payments</u> Thank you for your contributions to date. Please ensure any outstanding amounts are paid by the end of September.

Links are currently being sent out to new families.

Fundraising School Lotto

We currently have a school lotto fundraising initiative happening in the school organised by the Parents Association.

For new parents in the school if you are interested in signing up for a minimum of 2€ per week it will greatly support our fundraising efforts.

This year we are able to purchase outdoor furniture with the funds raised to date.

This summer well over €500, 000 was spent on upgrading the old school building (grant funded). Because of the extra fundraising we received via the lotto last year, we were able to spend a little extra on costs associated with the works to improve as many of our old systems as possible. Every euro counts. Thank you. Full sharing of amounts raised etc will be shared at Parents Association meetings.

https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/oranmoreboysns



Youth Academy/ Piano lessons

*University of Galway Youth Academy aims to give students a taste of what it is like to study at a University.

The Youth Academy works with high ability 4th, 5th and 6th class students. Please visit

www.universityofgalway.ie/youthacademy/ if you would like further information .

*Please see flyer attached re Piano Lessons.

As we begin our school year, on behalf of all the staff and Board of Management at Scoil Iosaif 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