



## *St. Enda's National School*

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Dear Parents

Just an update -

### **Payments Due**

I want to preface this by saying the school is not a bank. We are not in the business of turning a profit. If there are financial difficulties at home, please contact me in the strictest of confidence and we will do our best to put a plan in place to make sure your child does not miss out on various activities.

There are now a number of payments due. Some are voluntary and some mightn't concern you. They are all listed on your Aladdin page. We would ask that these are paid as soon as possible - thank you to those who have done so already.

### **Creche Bus**

The Creche Bus will begin running this Monday for children from Senior Infants to 6th class (Junior Infants will join when they begin their full days) Only those children who have indicated same on Aladdin will be permitted to use this bus. Once we have a handle on exact numbers, we will issue a payment request for this.

### **Child Protection**

All parents will have received information on our new Child Protection guidelines that are being rolled out across the country. Not normally an issue until it becomes the most important issue, it's vital that your child knows that all adults in the school are to be trusted and are available to talk at any time. Once again - our Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is myself, Brian Carty and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Helen Colfer.

### **Class Activities**

We are restarting a couple of initiatives. Beginning today, from 10-10:30am, we will be doing buddy Gaeilge. We hope this eventually morphs into turning the school into a 'mini-Gaeltacht' during this time. If anybody wants to get involved, we'd be delighted. We are committed to improving the standard of spoken Gaeilge timpeall na háite. Ná bí buartha, déan triall air - don't be worried, give it a try. If any parent wants to come in, please get in touch and we'll happily arrange Garda vetting and then tá tú réidh.

We are also restarting our school choir next week. This is always a lovely time to come together in the hall and learn some new songs from various eras. As this ties in with the music curriculum, this is a mandatory activity.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons will begin this coming Wednesday for children who have signed up in 4th, 5th and 6th class. I know the deadline for payment is very tight so if your child goes without prior payment, we'll take that as an assurance that payment will be forthcoming.

Lunches for children going swimming will be slightly later each Wednesday.

**Parents' Association (PA)**

Our Parents' Association will have a meeting at 6pm on Tuesday in the school. Please feel free to attend. The PA serves as a link between the school and parents. We all work together to make the school a better place. This would also be an ideal opportunity to meet our new Home School Community Liaison - Robert Keogh.

**And Finally**

Ahead of our Board of Management meeting on Monday, I have attached a letter from our Chairperson, Mr Denis Cullen.

This Board in particular have worked incredibly hard to integrate itself into school life, to not be strangers. No more than the PA, the Board are very much part of the day-to-day team, working to make the school a better place.

That's all from me. Have a great weekend.

Brian