

Scoil Eanach

Sráid na Cathrach

Co. an Chláir

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Dia daoibh a Thuismitheoirí,

JUNIOR INFANTS

We welcome all our pupils back to school after the summer holidays, with a special welcome to all our new pupils. We hope they will be happy during their time in our school. Our school doors are opened to admit our pupils from 9 a.m. onwards. If your child arrives before 9 a.m. they may queue up outside the main entrance if it is not raining. If it is raining please remain in your car, as we cannot admit them until the staff are in position to supervise them from 9 a.m. onwards, for insurance purposes. Pupils are not allowed to run or play before 9 a.m., again for insurance purposes, as they are unsupervised. All our pupils are allowed out between 9.10 a.m. and 9.20 a.m. under teacher supervision. Classes begin at 9.20 a.m.

In order to allow our **new Jnr. Infants** time to adjust to their new surroundings, they will be going home at 12 noon until Friday the 6th of September. From Monday the 9th of September they will be in school until 2 p.m. Even though many of them have been to playschool, they needed this time to re adjust after the long break from playschool. If at any time during the year you have a query, please do not hesitate to phone the school to make an appointment to discuss your concerns, with the class teacher, on 0657084850 or by email: secretary@annaghns.com

Aaron Ryan will be taking our pupils for GAA skills every Wednesday from the 4th of September onwards. Required PE gear for that day will be grey polo shirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms. Please note for all other days of the week a school uniform should be worn unless the class teacher advises otherwise.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORM

All pupils in Primary schools are automatically covered by Public Liability Insurance. However, as always if any families require Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. The Form is available from our school, should you require it. The cost is €6 per pupil for school activities only or €9 per pupil for 24-hour cover. There is no obligation on you to take out this insurance The closing date to receive your application is **no later than FRIDAY the 13th SEPT.**

PUPIL ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Please note that **all** absences require an explanation to be provided for the National Educational Welfare Board on the first day the pupil returns after the absence. To facilitate this we have added an online absent form to our website: www.annaghns.com, under the Contact tab. So parents please fill in and click submit any absence your child(ren) has had since returning.

LABEL EACH ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE

We urgently request that you write your child's name, in permanent marker, on each item of the school uniform, including grey polo tops and tracksuits.

Pupils from Junior Infants – 2nd classes do not use a school journal. For these classes we use an online platform called Seesaw. 3rd – 6th classes do use our Homework Journal, which contains important elements from our Code of Behaviour & Discipline.

HOMEWORK

It is school policy to give homework from Monday to Thursday each week. To ensure your child gets maximum benefit from this work when it is assigned, we ask you the parents to show that extra interest in your child by:

- (a) Checking that written homework is done neatly and carefully.
- (b) Examining spellings & tables nightly.
- (c) Listening to reading nightly.
- (d) Checking that homework is complete and then signing the homework notebook, nightly.
- (e) Please ensure that your children have their correct books and copies in their bags each day.
- (f) Homework is assigned by each class teacher via Seesaw or Google Classroom or in their homework journal.

SCHOOL MEALS (Healthy Eating)

NOTE: Friday is the **only** treat day, but it should only be something small. An excess of sugar in their system will give them too much energy to allow them concentrate in class. If you wish to cancel your child's hot meal please contact Fresh Today or deirdreflanagan@annaghns.com .

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING SCHOOL BILLS

All school bills must be paid online. Where a particular fee is small, we combine it with other fees, for your convenience. We issue only one invoice during each of the four school terms; (Sept – Oct), (Nov – Dec), (Jan – Mar), (April – June)

Each school invoice will have a **pay by date on it**, to encourage all our parents to deal with it promptly. Administrating this system is extremely time consuming, so your cooperation in this regard is important.

- ❖ Clearly it is vital one Invoice is paid before another one is due the following term.
- ❖ We need to be able to close each invoice file within a period of four weeks from the date of issue.
- ❖ We would be grateful if you could pay an invoice in one payment during this four-week period.
- ❖ If you mislay an Invoice, let us know immediately, and we will re-issue it.
- ❖ Instructions on how to pay an invoice, are at the top of each invoice.
- ❖ You will be issued with an itemised invoice.
- ❖ **Please do not bring in any money.** We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

H.S.E ADVICE

Please read the advice from the HSE which is available below.

MOBILE PHONES

The Minister for Education has written to all schools about her intention to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones during the school day.

Please Note: Mobile phones are not required at Annagh NS during the school day.

If you wish to contact your children during the school day, please ring the school phone at 065-7084850.

Please note: if your children have access to online group chats outside of school, please ensure you supervise them.

Go raibh maith agaibh as do chuid tacaíochta agus táimid ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair le chéile, i rith na blána.

Le gach dea-ghuí.

**MICHAEL KING
(PRINCIPAL)**