

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL - WE START AT 8:40AM

TAKE CARE ON THE WAY TO/ FROM SCHOOL—BE SAFE ON THE ROAD AND ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WITH MOVING TRAFFIC

ANY SAFETY CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL OR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

SHEELAGH MURPHY (DLP)

STEPHEN TERRY (DDLDP)

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL -SOME STUDENTS HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO NUTS

Welcome!

I am delighted to welcome everyone back to Scoil Phádraig and I hope that all our students have enjoyed the first full week of school.

Building Connection & Community

During these first few weeks, teachers will work on helping students to settle into their new class and develop a sense of belonging and wellbeing. Schools do this by building connection and community through routines, expectations and activities. Children love routine and feel happier when they know the rules, what is expected of them and where the boundaries lie. The school rules are in place to keep everyone safe and to teach children how to become responsible and respectful citizens within our school community and beyond.

Healthy Lunch Policy

Children need to bring healthy food to school for their small breaks. Bradbrys provide hot food for

their big lunch. Fresh fruit and vegetables are great snacks, along with healthy carbohydrates and proteins (sandwich/wraps/pasta salad etc.) Crisps and chocolate are not allowed.

School Traffic

Please leave space for the buses to park in the mornings and afternoons and keep the traffic moving. Parents/Guardians cannot park in the staff carpark.

Morning Supervision

Staff begin supervising students from 8:20am for 20 minutes before school starts. No child should be dropped off before 8:20am because it is too early and school management does not take responsibility for any child before 8:20am. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

The school is committed to promoting the Department of Education's Smartphone Ban for Primary School Children. Children should not have

phones or smartwatches at school.

Junior Infants

Our Junior Infants are moving up to a full infant day from next Monday. They will go home at 1:20pm from then.

Fire Drill

We had our first Fire Drill this morning and all went well. Your son might mention it to you, especially if he found it a little scary or too noisy. Teachers have prepared the children for the drill so that they know what steps to take if the alarm sounds. Please reassure your child if he wants to talk about it further.

Laois Library Talks

Please find attached a flyer about upcoming talks and workshops in the libraries throughout Co. Laois.



**Ms. Sheelagh Murphy
The New Principal**