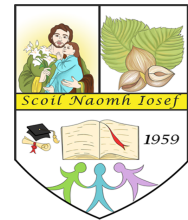


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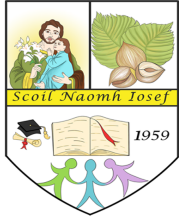
We hope that you are all settling back into the routine of the school year. It was a pleasure to welcome back all the pupils to Scoil Naomh Iosef on Wednesday. A particularly warm welcome to our 9 Junior Infants and also to our new pupil in 1st class who joins us from Ukraine.

September is a busy time in schools. At this stage you should have received an email from the class teachers which contains information regarding tracksuit days, passwords for Seesaw etc. If not, it will arrive in your inbox this week. Should you wish to arrange to meet the class teacher, this can be done via email.

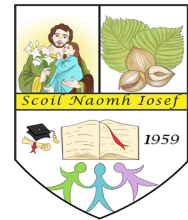
We are currently working on our Special Education Timetables and consent forms will issue this week. Mrs. Wall and I are the Special Education Teachers this year and will work with groups and individuals, as well as in the classrooms, to assist not only with academic learning but with social and emotional learning also.

Just an update regarding the enrollment situation. Since I last made contact regarding numbers, our enrollment has fluctuated in both directions due to a variety of reasons (relocations, placement in special classes etc.). As of our return to school on Wednesday last, enrollment stands at 73. We are currently engaging with public representatives in the hopes that further pupils can be secured for our school. Figures look strong again for the following year making it even more important that we can continue to secure the future of our 4th mainstream class teacher. Once again, if you are aware of anybody currently seeking a school place, all our enrolment details can be found on the school website.





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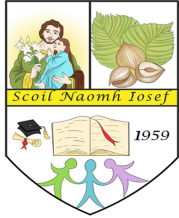


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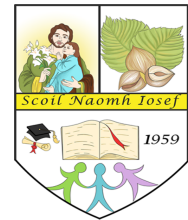
Please note that I (Eibhlín Nash) am the Designated Liaison Person and Mr. Murphy is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person. The Child Safeguarding Statement is available on the website or in hard copy from the office on request. All teachers are mandated persons and duty bound to follow DES and Children First Guidelines. It was also provided in your enrolment booklet.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Please note the Anti-Bullying policy is available to view on the website or in hard copy on request from the office. Bullying or bullying behaviours are not tolerated in Scoil Naomh Iosef.



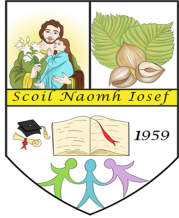
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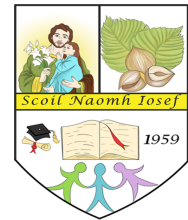
School Improvements and Cleaning

Improvements were made to our school garden over the summer holidays and a new fence and gate were erected. The children were delighted to find that some of their crop sown last year was ready for harvest on their return to school. Contract cleaners worked in the school prior to our re-opening to make sure that all surfaces and areas were spic and span! We continue to follow best practice guidance in relation to Covid 19, ventilating classrooms, using our CO2 monitors etc.





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Junior Infants

Junior Infants will continue to attend until 12 noon on September 16th. From the following Monday Junior Infants will be collected at 2pm. A brief information evening for Junior Infant parents regarding homework will take place on Wednesday, September 15th at 6.30 pm. Mrs. Lynch has been in contact directly about this.

School Self Evaluation

Scoil Naomh Iosef continues to engage with School Self Evaluation. Huge strides were made in the area of STEM last year and we will continue to embed this approach in our school in the coming year. We will also be looking ahead and finding other areas (curricular or otherwise) where we can turn our attention and make improvements to our practice and learning.

Swimming

Swimming for 3rd - 6th class will take place after the mid-term break and further information about this will issue in the coming weeks.

Clothes Collection

We continue to collect bags of clothes for recycling. This has been our primary fundraiser over the last number of years due to covid and we appreciate your continued support.

Attendance

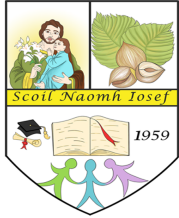
Please note that we continue to be very conscious of Covid 19 within the school environment and are continuing with best practice regarding ventilation, sanitising etc. Children who are unwell should not be sent to school.

Parents Association

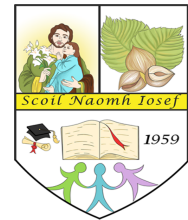
It is hoped that a Parents Association can be established in the coming months. Such an organisation would be beneficial for our school community for consultation regarding policy development, school developments, fundraising etc. Further information regarding this will follow once we are well established in the school year.

Fr O'Dea

We were saddened to hear the news that Fr. O' Dea is to be moved to a new parish. The Board of Management made a presentation to Fr. O' Dea on the 26th of August at the wonderful event in Springfield Castle. The Board wished to acknowledge the huge contribution Fr. O'Dea has made to our school, not only as our Parish Priest but as a member of the Board, working tirelessly for the betterment of our school. Children from 3rd - 6th class will attend mass on Thursday morning as this is one of Fr's final masses in Dromcollogher. We ask that those attending bring suitable rain wear. We will be leaving the school promptly at 09.20am and where possible ask that children be dropped



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between 09.05 and 09.15 to facilitate this. We wish Fr. O'Dea all the best in his new parish, we will miss him dearly.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school on the telephone 063 83229 or email dromcollogherprimary@gmail.com. Please continue to spread the word about our school. We aim to give each child a happy and holistic education.

Regards,

Eibhlín Nash

Principal