



Monastery NS Return to School Notices – August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a healthy and happy summer and that your family enjoyed their summer holidays. We now look forward to our pupils return to school on Wednesday August 31st. I have some news and reminders for you below.

Your child’s class teacher and classroom for the 2022-2023 school year is as follows;

Teacher	Room	Designated Entry / Exit Point
Ms Claire McCabe – Junior Infants	9	Infant Yard outside classroom door.
Ms Áine McNally – Junior Infants	7	Infant Yard outside classroom door.
Ms Aoife McHugh – Senior Infants	8	Field side of school outside classroom door.
Mrs Sheila Sloan – 1st	3	Gym doors facing the back gate.
Mrs Valerie Browne – 2nd	5	Outside classroom door facing the Senior Yard.
Mrs Áine Marks – 3rd	4	Outside classroom door facing the Senior Yard.
Mrs Henry-Keane / Master McCoy – 4th	6	Outside classroom door facing the Senior Yard.
Master Garland – 5th	1	Front gable left hand side door beside water
Ms Leanna Cusack – 6th – (Mrs Kerr’s 5th last year)	10	Side glass door facing the field.
Mrs Sandra Kerr – 6th – (Ms Cusack’s 5th last year)	2	Side outside door beside the library.

1. **Morning and Home times** – Parents / guardians are asked to carefully note the following arrangements for coming to school and going home from school.

- *Our front and back gates will open at **9.10am** each morning and will continue to be supervised by a teacher. Pupils should not arrive too early before our gates open at 9.10am.*
- *We strongly encourage parents of senior pupils (1st to 6th) to continue to “drop and go” at our front/back gates from **9.10am to 9.20am**. **Pupils proceed directly to their classes via the designated class outside entry/exit point.** Infant parents should continue to drop off/pick up their children from the infant yard / senior infant doors.*
- ***1st class Parents should collect their children outside the Gym doors at 2.55pm.***
- *In the interest of the welfare of our pupils we ask parents / guardians not to drive into the lane at our back gate or to park in the bus bay at our front gates at morning / home times. Parking is available at the “shortcut” or Parish Centre and behind our Church.*

Morning Drop Off	9.10am to 9.20am
Junior & Senior Infants Pick Up Time	1.55pm (Junior Infants 12pm for first 10 days)
Seniors Home / Pick Up Time	2.55pm

Late arrivals – Punctuality is very important. Please ensure your child arrives on time for school each day between 9.10am and 9.20am.

Late drop offs of lunch etc – Please ensure your child has everything he/she needs coming to school and that late drop offs are not necessary. However, in the event of a late drop off parents can now call to the office.

Contact/Messages for teacher must be directed to the school office in person, by email or telephone call. If necessary, teachers will respond verbally with parents, by telephone or by arranged meeting.

Pupil Absences - Please continue to notify us of all absences via Eolas App/email/telephone call.

2. **School Uniform - This year we return to our School Uniform Dress Code.** i.e. School uniform must be worn 4 days a week and PE Uniform/tracksuit on one teacher nominated PE day per week. See full details on the Parent's section of our school website. **Pupils should also have a warm rainproof winter coat.** Many of our PE and learning activities will continue to take place outdoors and weather permitting all breaks will be taken outside.
3. **School Lunches, refuse and food waste – Monastery NS will be providing FREE Hot Meals to all our pupils in the coming school year.** This will be setup in September and we hope to be operational by mid-October. More information will follow. **In the interim please send in a healthy packed lunch and drink for your child each day.** Please remember that one small treat is permitted on Fridays and note that all lunch refuse and food waste will continue to be brought home by pupils in their lunch boxes.
4. **Covid-19** is still with us and there are some measures which still require a collective school community response: **Please continue to keep our school community safe by following all public health advice** – see <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/child-returning-to-school-or-childcare/> Practice good hand/general hygiene with your child at home and remind him/her of coughing/sneezing etiquette. Keep your child at home if he / she is feeling unwell. School Covid control measures such as hand hygiene, room ventilation, CO2 classroom monitors and constant heating of the school as necessary for comfort will continue in accordance with public health advice. Let's continue to keep our school community safe and healthy.
5. **Break times and Yards - Morning break is from 10.50 to 11.05. Lunch break is from 12.30 to 1.05pm.** Weather and conditions permitting the field will be used at lunchtime by all classes.
6. **Contact Details** - if you have changed your address, mobile number(s), email address or other details please contact our school office. Please note it is important to have a minimum of a second contact person in case your child is ill at school and we are unable to contact you.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jim McGee, Principal.