



Welcome back everyone. It's great to see how well the children have settled into their new classes especially in Early Start & Junior Infants. Don't forget the Parents Room is always available—put on the kettle and have a cup of tea and a chat with some of the other parents, or, perhaps enjoy a quiet moment all to yourself. We will be running plenty of worthwhile courses again this year. I will tell you in more detail at your child's parent/teacher meetings over the next few weeks. Looking forward to meeting you all then.

Marie Tuohy - H/S/C/L

CROÍ RÓ NAOFA JUNIOR SCHOOL, KILLINARDEN

SCHOOL CLOSURES 2015 - 2016

SCHOOL RE-OPENS : Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015

Table listing school closures and re-opens for months from October to June, including specific dates and reasons like Public Holiday, Christmas, Easter, and Summer Holidays.

Best wishes,

Martin Morris Principal

Newsletter Croí Ró Naofa J.N.S

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Dear Parents / Guardians, On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome all our children back to school looking so well. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants classes, also the new children who are joining us this year for their first time, and of course the Early Start children who are starting out on their educational journey. We hope all children will have a very successful, busy and happy year. In order to help the children settle into school again after the summer holidays it is important that a good routine is established. With your continued co-operation and support with the following, we will achieve our aim of providing a safe, happy, stimulating and Christian environment for all at Croí Ró Naofa J.N.S. and especially for your children.

Health and Safety Reminders

- 1. The school opens to receive pupils at 9.00 a.m. daily. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes end each day at 1.40 p.m. for Junior and Senior Infants, 2.40 p.m. for First and Second classes. The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after their official collection time. 2. At home time, Junior Infants are collected from their classroom doors while children from Senior Infant classes to 2nd classes are walked in line by their teacher to the main pedestrian gate. Please meet your child there at the gate as the children are trained, for their safety, not to leave their line before arriving at the gate. 3. When a child is not collected from school at the official collection time the school follows Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Guidelines. This involves making a referral to the Duty Social Worker (HSE) and /or the Gardaí. It is the function of the HSE to promote the welfare of children who are not receiving adequate care and protection. The Gardaí support the Health Board with this function. 4. In the interest of every child's safety - cars, vans, motorbikes, pushbikes are not allowed beyond the school gates - between 8.45 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. A new designated parking space has been provided on the roadway in front of the school by the councils traffic section.

5. If your child is crossing to and from Cushlawn Estate/Deerpark/ Kiltipper Gate please talk to him/her about the importance of crossing with the lollipop man/woman. 
6. We strongly advise that loop or drop earrings are not worn to school. Stud earrings are a much safer choice for children with pierced ears.
7. Children with long hair should wear their hair tied up at all times during the school day.
8. Your child will receive a '**Contact Form**' from his/her teacher. It is very important that this form is filled in and returned to the class teacher **immediately**.
9. Runners are essential for P.E.
10. A highly nutritious, varied and tasty lunch is offered to your child each day. There is absolutely no need, therefore, to supply lunches. Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has any food allergies or food intolerances 

**School Rules**

We have 5 simple rules which form the basis of our discipline code. We encourage each child to:

1. Be on time and be prepared.
2. Be fair, be friendly.
3. Talk in the right way at the right time.
4. Sit when working, walk when moving.
5. Always do your best.

**Attendance**

We encourage and promote full attendance as the school programme is based on such. To comply with the Education Welfare Act, a parent must notify the school **in writing** of the reasons for the child's absence (see page 27 of Information Book for Parents for sample note). The school must inform the National Education Welfare Board where :  
 (a) a child is absent for 20 days or more or  
 (b) a child's attendance is irregular.

Copies of the absence note are available from reception every morning. Notes will be retained in compliance with the Education Welfare Act 2000.

**Punctuality** in the morning is also important and **must** be monitored by the school. Class starts at 9.20a.m. sharp. (Parents are not allowed down the corridors after 9.20a.m. as school work time has begun, so if you wish to accompany your child to class **you must be on time.**)

**Taking your child early:** You are requested **not** to take your child from school early unless there is a genuine reason for doing so. **Appointment cards must be shown to the secretary and a copy will be placed on file.** All early leaving dates and times will be recorded to your child's file.

**Children's Welfare**

In situations where a child's welfare or safety is of concern, where child sexual, emotional or physical abuse or neglect is suspected or evident, the Department of Education and Skills 'Child Protection Guidelines' are followed. This policy is in keeping with our professional responsibility to promote childrens' well being and protect them from harm.

M. Morris - Designated Liaison Person  
 J. Butler - Deputy Liaison

**New ASD Unit**  
 The Board of Management are delighted to announce the completion of the building of our Autism Unit. It is a wonderful purpose built addition to our junior school and will be of great benefit and support to the children. We thank the Dept. of Education and Skills for the full funding of this unit. We the Board also wish to thank you the parents/guardians for your co-operation and support during the building process over the past year, especially with regard to the safety of all.

**Break In**  
 Our Early Start Classrooms, Parents Room and Home School Office were broken into on Saturday 29th August. A lot of damage was done which resulted in these rooms being unfit for use for a few days. The Gardaí are investigating the matter. It's very upsetting to see rooms dedicated to our youngest children and parents body being vandalised.

**Book Bills**  
 Please settle your child's book bill as soon as possible. We understand that sometimes it is difficult to meet this cost all at once. Please see the Principal about making an arrangement to pay a certain amount over a period of time.

**Early Start Places**  
 There are a limited number of places available in our Early Start Unit. **Children must be : 3 years and 2 months on 1st September of their enrolling year.** 

**General Parent /Teacher Meetings**  
 You are invited to your child's classroom to meet the class teacher.  
**Second Classes** - 29th September @ 9.20  
**First Classes** - 1st October @ 9.20  
**Senior Infants** - 30th September @ 9.20 & 1.00 (you will be advised of the time for your class)  
**Junior Infants** - 7th October@ 9.20 & 1.00 (you will be advised of the time for your class)

**Smoking!**  
 Please respect that there is **no smoking allowed in the Junior school grounds**



**School Completion Project**  
 I am delighted that our music teacher - Ms. C. Dunphy, our dance teacher and Ms. B. O'Rourke are with us again this year.  
 School completion also fund our school lunches for all our children.