

# KILLEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As another year begins I welcome all children back to school and look forward to the year ahead. We warmly welcome our new pupils and wish them every happiness here. We hope the boys and girls from last year's 6<sup>th</sup> class will enjoy their post-primary years and we wish them all the best there.

## **School times are as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: 9.00am – 2.40pm

Infants: 9.00am – 1.40pm

New infants go home at 12noon until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

It is important that children are on time for school and line up with their class at 9.00am

Lunch Time: 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Morning Break: 10.50am – 11.00am

B.O.M. accepts **no responsibility** for children before or after these times.

## **Classes and teachers for the year are as follows:**

Infants: Mrs. Jessica Whelehan

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Darren Madden

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Sinéad Parsons

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Bríd Connolly

S.E.T.: Ms. Bríd Murray (Ms Monica Dynan at present)

S.E.T.: Mrs. Lorraine Carroll

**Absences:** If a child misses 20 days or more in the school year we are obliged to report this to the Welfare Board. All absences must be explained in writing as these records have to be kept.

**School Insurance:** If you wish your child(ren) to avail of personal insurance, please fill in form (all names on 1 form), stating preferred scheme, and return it to the school on or before Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**School Money:** All school money should be in an envelope with your child's name and class. Make sure jumpers, coats, tracksuits etc are clearly labelled with your child's name. Parents' contribution can be paid in one full payment or two half payments – first payment in September 2018 and second payment in January 2019

**Health Board:** Health Board asks us to remind parents to check children's hairs on a regular basis for head lice. If you find the problem please report it to the school.

**School Uniform:** School uniform should be worn at all times except P.E. day when children wear a navy tracksuit. It is important that this is adhered to by all students and parents ensure that children wear their full uniform on the relevant days.

**P.E. Day:** Details from class teacher as days will change each term depending on activities. -Navy tracksuit only to be worn on P.E. days.

**Gymnastics:** Gymnastics will start on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks, cost included in Parents Contribution.

**Fitness:** Fitness training with Martin Errity starts on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> for classes 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dance:** Dance will start after Halloween, cost included in Parents Contribution. Dance will start on Wednesday November 07<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks.

**Healthy Eating:** It is important that we all adhere to our healthy eating policy. Everyday is a healthy eating day, list of what's allowed / not allowed enclosed. Please use re-usable lunchboxes and avoid tin foil, cling-film and bags.

**Clothing Items:** A large number of clothing items were left in the school before the holidays. These will be left in GP room for a week. If you think your child has mislaid anything please check the bag. We will not be holding on to these clothes indefinitely.

**Child Protection Procedures for Primary School 2017:** B.O.M. and staff will implement fully the revised guidelines.

**School Rules:** We expect all children to obey the school rules, it is important that parents encourage children to do so. Please check your child(ren)'s homework notebook from time to time to ensure that you see any notes that may be there. With everyone's co-operation the school will run better and be a happy and a pleasant environment for all children. It is important that care is taken with homework and presented neatly. Homework is given Monday – Thursday and children only get it at weekends if it has been poorly presented throughout the week or not done at all. Children should not spend too long at homework. This note only applies to pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Under no circumstances should girls use any kind of facial make-up. This is unnecessary and I expect parents' co-operation in this area. The same applies to our school uniform. This should be worn at all times except on P.E. days or other specified occasions.

**Remember:** This is a nut free school. Any food with nuts in it is not allowed. It is important that all children adhere to this policy.

**Gates:** Everybody must **enter** and **exit** the school grounds through the **back gate**. It is important that you highlight this to your child (ren) for safety reasons. If you cycle you must dismount before you enter school gates. There is no cycling in yard.

**School Gate at Car Park:** This gate will close at 9.30am approx. each morning. If you are dropping off your child or need to visit the school after that time please come to the front entrance.

**Sports Day in June 2018:** A great time was had by all. It was extremely warm, I want to thank parents who supplied staff and pupils with cold drinks throughout.

**Tidy Schools Competition:** Our school won 'Most Consistent Tidy School' in Nenagh Municipal District of Tipperary County Council Tidy Schools Competition. Congratulations to the Green School Committee on a great job. Well done to all concerned.

**School's 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** A number of plates were left in the school after this event. If you are missing a plate don't hesitate to check with school.

**Music Generation:** This program will begin in mid September and will run for 30 weeks. Each class will receive music lessons. Cost has been included in Parents Contribution and remainder subsidised by Parents' Council.

**Mobile Phones:** - **Are not allowed in school.** If you allow your child to have a phone please monitor it.

**Christmas Shows:** Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 20<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation Date:** 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 11am.

**First Communion Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 11am.

**Closures:** School closures are on a separate sheet.

I want to thank you for your support and co-operation last year and look forward to the year ahead.

Best wishes,

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Bríd Connolly  
Principal