



THE ROYAL AND PRIOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to another year at The Royal and Prior. Thank you for your patience as the new timetable and bus schedule take time to develop and become the norm. The timetable change has worked very well and has been well established.

I would like to invite all parents to this year's Prize Giving on Friday 6th October in the Cathedral Hall at 7:30 pm. This year's prizes will be distributed by Dr Aileen Patterson, past pupil and Curriculum Advisor/Assistant Professor in Medical Education at the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin. This is a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements and efforts of our students and you would be very welcome to join us.

The Sponsored Walk will be next Monday (weather permitting) the funds this year will support the provision of care for Kelsey Barnett as she under goes treatment at Crumlin Hospital; Kelsey is the daughter of Rachel Barnett who is a Special Needs Assistant in the School. As the cause is so special to us 50% rather than the normal 20% of what we raise will be for Kelsey.

On Wednesday 13th September at 2:50 pm the Junior Certificate of Achievement will be distributed. With the lifting of the ASTI industrial action in relation to the new Junior Certificate the School is now embracing fully the implementation of the New Junior Certificate. Due to the late nature of this change the School Curriculum will need to be altered over the next year to reflect the new Junior Certificate for current students and incoming students. I have placed on the School Website an information leaflet on the new Junior Certificate. There will be an information evening on the new Junior Certificate after half term and more details can be found at <http://www.juniorcycle.ie>.

The School Calendar is now on the School's website; please note that all dates are subject to change. One date I would like to draw your attention to is **Friday 13th October** when the School will be closed to students as the staff has an in-service on the new Junior Certificate.

All students have been given a Book Grant Application Form and a copy is available on the School Website. The Protestant Aid Forms (**only for students in 1st Year, 4th (Transition) Year and 5th Year**) are also available on the School Website and from the School Office. Please complete these

forms and return them to the School office by Friday 6th October; late applications will not be accepted.

Please make sure that all Uniform meets the School's uniform rules especially shoes which must be leather and not canvas.

Can I remind all parents that if a student wishes to leave School during the School Day their Parents/Guardians need to complete the permission slip which is found in the School Diary and have signed by Mrs Nairn or myself. It is most important that the School knows exactly who is in School at any time and your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The An Garda Síochána has raised concerns regarding parking outside the School. To ensure the safety of all they have asked me to remind all parents that there should be no parking on the road at the front of the School and that no cars should enter the Buspark. The health and safety of the students is paramount and I would be very grateful if you could use the dedicated carparks.

Two Insurance companies have contacted the School to provide Pupil Personal Accident Insurance; Harte and Brennan Insurances. Harte Insurance Forms are available on the School's Website and Brennan's Insurance can be applied for via the www.pupilcover.ie website. Parents are encouraged to insure their children.

The annual €50 voluntary contribution for the Parent's Association is now due. Please forward via the school office or bring it with you to your respective Parent Teacher Meeting. All the monies raised by the voluntary contribution are used to benefit the School in many ways such as computer equipment and contributing to additional items. Your generosity makes a real difference to the staff and students in the Royal as they enjoy equipment and facilities not normally provided for by the Department of Education and Skills.

The present Board of Management has now completed its five year term and a new Board of Management is now in the process of being formed. The Board always includes two nominees from the Parents of the School (a male and female). The Parents Association kindly arrange the election of nominees which this year will take place at the Parents' Association AGM on Wednesday 25th October at 8:00 pm in the School. A voting form is available from the School office and is on the School's Website.

The National Education Welfare Board legally requires the School to record absences and the reason for those absences for all students. If your son or daughter is absent please complete the reason for absence slip at the back of the School Diary for presentation to the Form Teacher. It is most important that you help the School to meet our legal requirements.

At last night's Board of Management Meeting the Checklist as part of the Board's annual review of the School's Child Protection Policy was completed. The Board completed its annual review and adoption of the School's Child Protection Policy. This policy is the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools. This policy is available on the School's Website and I would encourage you to read it. Can I remind parents that Mrs Nairn is the School's Deputy Designated Liaison Person and I am the School's Designated Liaison Person.

As part of our awareness programme, a Bullying Incident Report File is kept by the School to record any incidents of bullying. If you have any concerns about bullying please contact us in confidence via your son or daughter's Form Teacher as soon as possible. A list of all the Form Teachers and Year Heads is listed below for your records.

Form Teachers 2017/2018

Class Teacher

1A	Miss T A McGirr
1B	Mrs J Carson
1C	Mr J Plunkett
1D	Mr C Carr
2A	Mrs D McCandless (Mr M Deane)
2B	Mr D McColgan
2C	Mr A Boal
2D	Mrs J Gallinagh
3A	Mrs B Cannon
3B	Mrs M Norris
3C	Ms A Carolan
3D	Ms E Ferry
4A	Miss S Doherty
4B	Mrs M Carr
5A	Mrs H Patton
5B	Mrs S Mulholland
5C	Mrs J Gallagher
5D	Ms O'Brien
6A	Mr S Pearson
6B	Miss C Cowan
6C	Mrs L O'Boyle
6D	Mr A O'Boyle

Year Heads 2017/2018

First Year	Mrs McClean
Second Year	Mrs McCarron
Third Year	Mr Fitzsimons
Transition Year & Fifth Year	Mrs Porter
Sixth Year	Mr Shallow

All the very best for the year ahead and thank you for the continued support and interest that you show in all aspects of life in the Royal,

Kind regards,

