



Redeemer Boys' National School
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Re: Welcome back to the 2022/23 school year

25th August 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and that you were able to relax and enjoy some of the nice weather.

I welcome all our Redeemer families back to school! I also want to extend a special welcome to all the new pupils who are coming to our school for the first time this year, whether they are starting off in Junior Infants or joining other classes across the school. I look forward to meeting all of you and to seeing all the familiar faces of our returning families.

Below is some important operational information with regard to the school reopening on **Wednesday 31st August**:

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Times

Please note that we will continue to implement a **natural approach to staggering arrivals by operating a fluid start time from 8.50am to 9.00am**. Pupils will not be allowed access to the grounds before 8.50am and the gates will only be open at this time. We ask that parents say goodbye to pupils in the car park or at the front gate/back gate (Dunnes) and not enter school grounds at drop-off time. There will be staff at the gates and at various points around the school to guide the boys to their classroom safely.

We ask that you **take extra care when using the car park**. Please drive slowly and do not block any of the entry gates (pedestrian or main gates). Please ensure that your child gets to the pedestrian gate/car safely at drop-off and pick-up times as there will be a lot of moving vehicles in the car park in the mornings and afternoons.

Arrangements for Hometime are as follows:

Junior Infants – 1.40pm Handover to adult at front doors (From 08/09/22)
Senior Infants – 1.40pm Handover to adult at side door

First Class - 2.40pm Handover to adult at side door
Second Class - 2.40pm Handover to adult at front doors

Third to Sixth Class = 2.40pm Escorted to back/front gates by class teacher/SNA

Junior Infants Induction Period

As communicated previously we cannot allow parents to accompany their son to the classroom on their first day of school. However, we have decided that for the **first week Junior Infants should come to school at the later time of 9.20am**. This will mean that all other classes are already in the building and it will allow parents the opportunity to park in the car park and bring their sons to the front of the school at 9.20am where they will be met by our staff.

When they are ready the children will be brought indoors. Any child who is not ready to enter may stay with their parent/s until they are ready. If it is raining at any point (or even if it's not) you are welcome to use the Parents' Room, which is at the top of the school.

Please Note: The class teacher will bring Junior Infants to the front doors at 12.00 noon from Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September and at 1.40pm from Thursday 8th September onwards.

- **Wednesday 31st August - Wednesday 7th September** **9.20am - 12 noon**
- **Thursday 8th September onwards** **9.00am - 1.40pm**

School Transport (ASD Classes)

School transport services will resume on Wednesday 31st August.

Stationary/Coats

Pupils will not be allowed to share stationary and all pupils will continue to be provided with the stationary required for each class level. This stationary (pencils, rubbers, colouring pencils/markers/rulers etc.) will remain in school. We kindly ask pupils not to bring in toys/footballs or any other unnecessary items into school.

In relation to bringing a coat to school. Pupils in the Junior Classes (Junior Infants-Second) and ASD Classes will be assigned an individual hook in their class cloakroom. Pupils in the Senior Classes (Third-Sixth) will either be assigned a hook or permitted to hang their coat on the back of their chair. To this end, the individual class teacher will have a system in place taking into account the context of the classroom.

School Lunches



As you know we are part of the Free School Meal initiative and your son will receive a healthy snack and hot meal daily. We are changing our supplier this year and are looking forward to the boys sampling the fantastic selection of foods on offer from Fresh Today.

A menu (see www.freshtoday.ie) will be sent home on the first day of school, this should be returned on Thursday 1st September so your son's menu choices are set up for the following week. Alternatively, these choices can be changed via the Fresh Today App at any stage or you can request a change through our secretary Audrey. Details of the App will also be sent home on the first day of school.

N.B. Please send a small snack in with your son for his first three days at school (Wednesday 31st August – Friday 2nd September). Everything will be set up with our lunch company for the following week and from that point on you will not need to send any food in.

Book Rental

We will continue to operate a **Book Rental Scheme** and your child's books shall be provided by the school. The cost of this is **€50**. Payments should be made to the school secretary at your earliest convenience after the summer holidays. Mr Niall McArdle (HSCL teacher 085 785 0787) will assist you if you wish to enter into a payment plan with the school in order to pay this amount off in smaller instalments. Photocopying, stationary and art/craft costs for the year are included in this bill.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our boys back for another great year at Redeemer Boys' N.S.

Thank you for your continued support,

M.Murray