



# Pobalscoil Neasáin

Dear parents & guardians,

Welcome to all our new students and parents in 1<sup>st</sup> year 2025/26. I feel very privileged to be taking over as Principal of Pobalscoil Neasáin. Along with Mr Howley, and our new Deputy Principal, Ms Dowdall, I will do my best to ensure that PSN is a welcoming, inclusive and fair school, where our students can flourish and enjoy learning, make good friends and enjoy all that school has to offer. They are at the heart of what we do and the reason we are all here. Starting a new school is very exciting but we understand that it can be really daunting too. We sincerely hope that your child will be happy and successful here, and that you too will have a very constructive relationship with the school.

We endeavour to provide a positive and supportive environment that helps our students thrive, both academically and personally, based on our school's core values of meas, díograis & dea-chroí. You, our parents and guardians, play a vital role in your child's journey through PSN. You are our partners in your child's education - your support of our policies, school rules and of our behavioural and academic expectations underpin the affirming educational environment we want to ensure in the school – and we look forward to working with you over the next few years.

The induction for 1<sup>st</sup> years takes places as follows

9:30 – 11:30	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August Induction: Day 1
08:50-10:50	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August Induction: Day 2

**Students' first full day in school will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of August.**

**First day back:** Students should bring **€50** with them on their first morning. This is to cover the cost of a locker for the three years of Junior Cycle, and Accident Insurance. They will not need books on the first days but should have a copy and pen to take notes.

**Lockers:** Lockers will be allocated during the first full week back for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students.

**School book scheme:** We will be distributing the 1st year books on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August between 9:30am and 1:00**. The books are heavy and coming by car is advisable! Please email Ms Harte ([charte@psn.ie](mailto:charte@psn.ie)) if you cannot be there. Once the students have lockers, they will be able to store books in the school.

**School rules:** All our school rules and policies are there for very good reasons. When students enrol in PSN they, and you their parents, formally agree to support those rules. We always make our rules, and the reasons for them, very clear to our students and we expect that they follow them. To ensure that you are equally aware of the main rules please read the following carefully:

**Uniform:** All students should be in full uniform on return to school. The two items that cause most issues are **shoes** - which can be runner-type but must be plain black (black soles, no stripes, coloured laces etc.) – and the **jacket** – which **must be the official school jacket**. Non-uniform items will be confiscated and may require a parent to come and collect. All items of uniform should be marked with the student's name, so that they can be returned to their rightful owner when 'stolen' – or left behind somewhere!

**The school day:** Students need to be in school before **8:45 am at the latest**, as classes begin at 8:50 am. Students who arrive in school after the first bell at 8:45 am are **late and repeated lates will incur a detention**. There will be an assembly every morning in the red base for 1<sup>st</sup> year students.

**Lunchtime:** Students **may not leave the school grounds**. We encourage all students to bring a packed lunch, and a snack for breaktime, but please remember that we are a **nut-free school**, due to students with serious nut allergies. **Food Village** provides healthy lunches here on site that can be ordered in advance. Students will receive instructions on this at their induction.

**Phones:** Students are not allowed to use phones at any time while on school premises. If phones are visible, **they will be confiscated**.

**Absences:** All absences from school must be accounted for by a note of explanation from a parent. This can be done on the **VShare App**, and we would strongly encourage you all to become familiar with how to do it. It makes life easier for you – and for us!

**Unwell in school:** If your child is unwell at school they must inform their Year Head, who will send them to the office. We will then call you. We need to know immediately when a student is unwell so that we can make sure they are ok and looked after.

**Leaving school:** Students are forbidden to leave the school without informing the office. This is a Health and Safety issue - in case of fire, for example, we need to know who is, and who is not, in the building. There will be a serious consequence for any student who is found to have left without permission.

**Make-up:** Junior students are not allowed to wear make-up. (However, we do appreciate that teenage skin can be troublesome and concealer is not a problem.)

**False eyelashes and false nails are not permitted in school.** Please do not send your child in with them on. We will be contacting you to arrange for them to be removed if your child comes to school wearing either. Hair should be a **natural colour**.

**Please do not put your child, and us, into a difficult position by allowing your child to come to school with heavy make-up, false eyelashes, acrylic nails, purple hair etc. The rules are clear. You will be told that 'everyone else' is doing it – don't believe that – it is not true!!**

All of the above was written in the spirit of prevention and is not intended to be negative. We want our students to be happy and comfortable in school, and to enjoy all the fun, friendship and learning that school has to offer. We look forward to seeing them all back, and to working with them and with you again this year.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Sadleir'.

Karol Sadleir, Principal

Keith Howley & Ciara Dowdall, Deputy Principals.