



Pobalscoil Neasáin

Dear parents & guardians,

Welcome to the 2025/26 school year – a year that I hope will be a successful one for all of us in PSN.

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.

We will continue to do our best to provide a positive and supportive environment that will help our students thrive, both academically and personally, based on our school's core values of meas, díograis & dea-chroí.

We will have a staggered **return to school**, and that is detailed below:

Year Group	Date	Time
4 th Year	Wednesday 27 th August	10:30 – 11:15
6 th Year	Wednesday 27 th August	11:30-12:15
5 th Year	Wednesday 27 th August	12:30-13:20
2 nd Year	Thursday 28 th August	10:30-11:30
3 rd Year	Thursday 28 th August	11:30-12:30

Students' first full day in school will be on Friday the 29th of August.

Wednesday 27th: Students in 4th / 5th / 6th years should bring €15 with them on their first morning. This is to cover the cost of Insurance. There will be a further cost of €25 for 5th year students which can be paid through a link on the website this is to cover the cost of the locker for the two years of Senior Cycle. We will send the link out on the 1st of September. Students will not need books on the first day but should have a copy and pen to take notes.

Students in 4th year MUST collect their hoodies on **Friday the 15th of August between 10am – 1pm**. They should bring €40 with them to cover the price of their hoodie. If you cannot be there, please let us know by emailing pwade@psn.ie

Thursday 28th: Students in 2nd & 3rd years will not need books on the first day but should have a copy and pen to take notes. They should bring **€15 with them on their first morning**. This is to cover the cost of Insurance.

Lockers: Lockers will be allocated during the first week back for students who are moving lockers, or who do not yet have them. Forms will be available from the Year Heads when students return.

You as parents and guardians play a vital role in your child's journey through PSN. You are our partners in your child's education, and your support of our policies, school rules and of our behavioural and academic expectations underpin the positive environment we want to ensure in the school.

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**. Students will need to be in earlier on the day of their assembly. Year heads will inform the students on the arrangements for their year group.

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.

Phones: Students are not permitted 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. Students should not phone you directly – 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 spot cover is not a problem.) Senior students have a little more leeway, but any make up worn needs to be **discreet**. Make up that is considered excessive will be discussed with the student.

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, unnaturally coloured hair etc. The rules are clear. You will be told that ‘everyone else’ is doing it – don't believe that – it is not true!!

We do not want conflict with our students. We, as management, want to have positive interactions with them – not rows about rules that are clear and that they are very well aware of.

We look forward to seeing them all back, and to working with them and with you again this year.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Karol Sadleir, Principal.

Keith Howley & Ciara Dowdall, Deputy Principals.