



Dear Parents / Guardians,

I extend a warm welcome to all of you as we commence another school year, full of hope and optimism. I extend a special welcome to the 54 new pupils who joined us in 3<sup>rd</sup> class and to their parents.

### Staff

This year we will have ten mainstream teachers and four support teachers in San Carlo. We welcome Ms. Bláthnaid Connolly to the teaching staff. We also welcome Ms. Karen Gissane as a new S.N.A. to the school.

### Pupil Accident Insurance

All the pupils of the school are covered by pupil accident insurance. Please note that this is 24 hour cover for school activities and home activities. The cost of the insurance is included in the school resources payment. This insurance is arranged through Brennan Insurance Ltd.

### Uniform

*Girls:* Tartan wine and green pinafore or skirt, wine cardigan or v necked jumper with or without crest, white shirt, matching tartan tie.

*Boys:* black trousers, wine v necked jumper with or without crest, white shirt, matching tartan tie.

### Accessories:

Girls: Black tights (winter), white socks, black shoes

Boys: Black socks, black shoes.

### P.E. Tracksuit:

Navy top and trousers with or without crest, plain white polo shirt

Please write the name of your child on jumpers and cardigans as this is a great help when these items are misplaced.

### Lunch Policy

Our school policy on lunches, a policy which has operated successfully for many years because of a high level of cooperation, states that in the interests of encouraging healthy eating it is considered necessary to not permit certain food items being used as lunches by pupils. Among the items which are not permitted are fizzy drinks, bars, crisps and other salted products, sweets and other sugary products. The range of products and foods not proscribed is much wider and includes milk, fruit juices, fruit, vegetables, cheeses, yogurt, sandwiches and meat, fish, and egg- the list is endless.

We seek the cooperation of all parents in implementing these guidelines and feel that your encouragement of healthy eating habits and strong discouragement of the foods listed as undesirable will have health benefits for all.



### Notes

Notes signed by a parent, in the pupils' homework journal are required in the following circumstances:

- Following an absence from school
- If a parent wishes a child to leave school during school hours
- When homework has not been completed

### Absences From School

The school is obliged to report to Tusla, The Child and Family Agency, any pupil who misses 20 or more school days in a year. The school also reports the reasons for the absences to Tusla. This can only be done when the school is aware of the reason for the absence. It is therefore essential that all absences are recorded in the appropriate section of the pupils' homework journal.

### Child Protection

The school is fully compliant with the Department of Education and Science Child Protection Procedures. Our Child Safeguarding Statement is on display on the main notice board outside the secretary's office. This statement is reviewed annually.

### Resources Payment

There has been a very good response from parents to this payment. The vast majority of parents have either paid or are doing so by instalments. I wish to thank parents for this.

## School – Parent Text Communication

We have chosen to use the Komeer App as our School to Parent communication system for text messages and alerts . This allows us, as a Green School, to further reduce our paper usage and waste creation. It is the most cost effective communication system for sending texts to parents. I would ask that all parents install the Komeer App onto their smart phone now. Full instructions are on the school website



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## New School Payment System

To facilitate parents who wish to make payments to the school by electronic transfer we have introduced the Komeer payment system. This allows parents, who wish to do so, pay for school bills without having to bring cash or cheques to the school. Your payments are protected by Stripe payment processing security. Full details of how to use the system are available on the school website [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie) We will of course continue to accept payment in cash or by cheque in the class or at the office.

## Board of Management

As we begin a new school year, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of Scoil San Carlo Senior Board of Management. The members of the B.O.M. include ; Fr Tony O Shaughnessy (Chairperson), Gerry Cafferkey ( Parents' Nominee ), Paula Maher (Parents' Nominee Jean Mc Carthy ( Patron's Nominee), Martin Carley ( Community Nominee), Maeve Townsend ( Community Nominee) Clare MacHugh (Teachers' Nominee).

The current board will have completed their term of office in November and a new board will be elected. The meeting to elect two parent nominees will take place in November. More details to follow.

**Fr. Tony O'Shaughnessy:** It is with deep regret that we heard the news of Fr. Tony's transfer to the parishes of Drimnagh and Crumlin. Fr. Tony has spent nine years as parish priest in Confey and many of those as Chairperson of the Board of Management. Fr. Tony's contribution to the school has been immense. His wisdom, care and concern for the wellbeing of the school community, pupils, parents, ancillary staff and teachers will be sorely missed by all. We wish Fr. Tony every success in his new appointment and hope he will have time to pay occasional return visits to Confey.

## School Opening Hours

On several occasions each year it is necessary to comment on the issue of children being on school grounds outside school hours. On school days, school is in operation between 9.20am and 3pm. Supervision is provided in the yard each morning from 9.15 a.m. On wet mornings the pupils are allowed enter the school from 9.15 am. Pupils should not be on the school grounds outside these times unless they are involved in extracurricular activities or accompanied by parents/guardians. The Board of Management wishes to point out that it may be unsafe to be on school grounds outside school hours.



## Injury/Illness

When pupils sustain injuries or feel unwell in school, our policy has been to make contact with parents at an early stage. Consequently we seek your co-operation in keeping contact numbers up to date in the school database. If your contact details change at any time during the year please inform the school secretary.

## Parent-Teacher Meetings (informal)

I ask all parents/guardians to report to the secretary's office on entering the school building. Should you feel it necessary to speak to a class teacher please make an appointment through the school secretary.

San Carlo Parents' Association has started the new school year with exciting events planned for our children and parents/families. The P.A. are looking forward to meeting many of you at the San Carlo Parents Association A.G.M. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in San Carlo Senior School. Please show your support for all the work of the P.A. by attending this meeting

On behalf of all our staff, parents and children, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the support and commitment of the San Carlo Parents Association.

Le gach dea- ghúí

Seán Ó Casaide

Principal



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