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## September 2023

School is well underway and we are delighted to welcome back all members of our school community as we embark on a new academic year. We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and time to relax with family and friends.

It's so good to see all our returning pupils back in the classrooms, but we must especially welcome our new 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils, as well as a number of new pupils across all our classes.

We send every good wish to our recently departed 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils as they embark on their new journey into second level education.

**Summer Work** – Over the summer, we liaised with the junior school to replace the wooden fencing at the school entrances which had fallen into disrepair. We were also able to replace many window blinds which had become torn or broken. The school interior was given a deep-clean, including the steam-cleaning of all carpeted areas. We say a big thank you to Gerry, our caretaker, for the endless grass-cutting, hedge-trimming and other tasks he undertook over the summer period to make sure the school was looking its best for our return and to Madeline, our long-serving cleaner, for all her amazing work over the summer.

**Communication** – E-mail addresses for each teacher are available on our website [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie) in the section Our School and Contact Details or through the office at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie).

Please understand that it is very difficult for class teachers to speak with parents at the morning reception time, so if you do need to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment by email or through the office; by email at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie) or by phone on 01-6245002.

Could we remind parents to let us know via the class teacher or the office if any contact details change during the school year. You can also request the details to be changed via Aladdin Connect. This is very important in case of an emergency or some unforeseen circumstance occurring.

**Bikes and Scooters**- For safety's sake, all cyclists should dismount at the school gate and walk bikes/scooters through the yard as we do have a lot of small people crossing the yard in the mornings and after school. Pupils should use the bike rack in the back courtyard area. Please remember, bikes are left at owner's own risk.

**Clothing/Lost Property** – Please take a few minutes to put your **child's name** (or initials) on all items of clothing they may wear to school. If using marker or pen, you might check each term as the name does fade in the wash. Every week, we have unidentified jumpers etc. or pupils looking for missing tracksuit tops that they cannot be reunited with.

**Uniform-** The draft policy has now issued via Aladdin and observations are welcome. Almost all our pupils have made a really great start to the school year by wearing the appropriate uniform. School crests may be purchased at the office at a cost of 5 euro.

**Attendance-** We remind parents that schools are obliged to maintain attendance records for all pupils and to inform the Child and Family Agency's Educational Welfare Services if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year, or if a pupil has an attendance problem.

Schools cannot endorse the taking of holidays during term-time.

Children who are obviously unwell and displaying symptoms which may be contagious should not attend school.

Please inform the school in whatever manner best suits you if your child is going to be absent.

**Healthy Eating Policy Reminder-** Healthy lunches are expected (and already very evident!!) from Monday to Friday inclusive. Treats will only be permitted on special occasions as decided by the class teachers.

**Code of Positive Behaviour-** The school needs to be a safe place for all our pupils.

At recent assemblies we reminded our pupils of the best way to ensure this, which is to show RESPECT. This needs to extend to the online space, which is already a cause of concern and a key factor in difficulties between pupils in the school space. We would encourage you to keep talking to your children about their online presence, their worries and their behaviour there.

**Mobile Phones** – Phones are not permitted on school grounds. Our office staff is very happy to make necessary calls or take phone messages in pupil's best interests. On any rare occasion when a pupil absolutely needs to bring a phone to school, it must be switched off and kept in their schoolbag until they leave the school grounds. The school is not responsible for loss or theft of phones.

**Parents' Association-** Thank you again to the P.A. who held several uniform sales recently. They are always in need of new members to help out during the school year and volunteers are always welcome. Simply contact [sancarlopa@gmail.com](mailto:sancarlopa@gmail.com) or the school office. The A.G.M. is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the senior school.

**GAA Coaching Sessions-** Football Blitzes will take place for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes with our Kildare PLO Conor at Confey GAA over the coming weeks during school hours. There will also be After-School Hurling training for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils from 3-4pm every Friday up to the Mid-term break.

**School Calendar-** The 2023/2024 calendar is available to view or download on the school website; is [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie). It's also in the Pupil Journal and will shortly be available on Aladdin.

Best wishes to all for the months ahead.