

PILTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

Piltown, County Kilkenny.

Roll Number 17357m/Telephone 051-643498

Principal: Mr. Philip Kennedy

Deputy Principal: Ms. Ita Bolger



September 13th, 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I wish to formally welcome you and your children back to school after what I hope was a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all the children back at school and enthusiastic for the academic year ahead.

We are delighted that school activities have resumed for this year. All classes will receive one slot of hurling skills per fortnight with Paudie Bradley, the new Games Promotion Officer for Piltown G.A.A. Swimming will take place for all 1st, 2nd & 6th class children this year. Both 6th classes are also taking part in a cycle safety program for the next six weeks. Athletics will take place for 2nd, 3rd & 4th class from Tuesday for the next six weeks.

I am pleased to see so many walkers and cyclists coming to and from school each day. We remind these children to arrive no earlier than 9.10am in the morning and to follow good road safety and etiquette at all times. Road Safety is paramount at our school and in that regard; cyclists should always wear a helmet.

To avoid sending cash to school, we are asking that you use our online payments system. To access this online payments system, go to the school website (www.piltownns.ie), click on the online payments tab and follow instructions. As usual, Allianz is offering Pupil Personal Insurance for pupils. While this insurance is not obligatory, we recommend that all children avail of it. Our annual contribution remains at €70 for Junior & Senior Infants and €90 for 1st-6th class children. This can be paid in instalments per term, if you wish.

We are continuing to use ClassDojo as our primary method of communication from school to home and vice versa. Teachers will endeavour to reply to your messages until 4pm. You can still send a message after 4pm but the teacher may not see it until the following morning. If you wish to deliver information to a teacher during school hours, (for example, forgotten lunch, change of collection time, after-school club, change in person collecting your child etc...) please phone the school secretary. If you have trouble accessing ClassDojo, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Finally, we wish the U11 Hurling Team and Mr. Norris, the very best of luck in the Cumann na mBunscol, Allianz Roinn A county final, this Friday evening. Piltown will take on Gaelscoil Osraí in Nowlan Park at 5.30pm and your support will be greatly appreciated. I wish you a pleasant and safe school year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me through the office.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Kennedy, Principal

*****Supervision*****

Monday to Friday -----9.10am to 3.00pm
There is no supervision in place outside of the above times.