

Dear Parent / Guardian

As we approach the beginning of the school year, we are very excited to be welcoming everyone back to school! It's been a tough few months for everyone, students and parents alike, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new first year students to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh. I wish to bring the following to your attention:

FIRST YEAR RETURN TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

OPENING WEEK

Monday 31 ST August	In school - Induction Day (First Year only) 8.50 am TO 3.45 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should bring a school bag on induction day as school books will be issued• Packed lunch and snack are required as the cafeteria will not be operational
Tuesday 1 st September	No school
Wednesday 2 nd	In school
Thursday 3 rd	In school
Friday 4 th	In school

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

25th February 2021

VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

Want to get to know our school building a little bit more before you arrive?

Check out our guided virtual tour to help you get to know your school a little bit better. . . Just click on the following link:

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=Lro41W1SG3M>

JUNIOR UNIFORM

The following are the details regarding our school uniform for junior students.

Jumper: Petrol blue neck with grey stripe

Shirt: White with collar

Tie:	Petrol blue with a middle grey stripe and a pale- white stripe on either side.			
Girls:	Skirt	Green Douglas (knee length)	Trousers	Dark Grey
Boys	Trousers	Dark Grey		
Stockings / Tights:	Black			
Shoes / Boots:	Navy/Black or Brown shoes			
PE / Games:	School Tracksuit must be worn along with white/grey polo shirt			
	Runners (Non-marking soles)			

Below please find the name address and telephone number where uniform MUST BE purchased:

Uniform World Outlet

Unit 12b Ard Gaoithe Business Park

Cashel Road

Clonmel

Co. Tipperary

Tel No: (052) 6128004

VS Ware

Vs-ware is a management information system which will help you as a parent to:

- Track your child's attendance
- Monitor behaviour (positive and negative)
- To view term reports while your child is in school
- Access to Timetable (The timetable will be released to you prior to returning to school)

VS-ware messages automatically are sent the primary contact. If a second text message is requested to be sent to a second contact, please contact starrant@tipperaryetb.ie or pryan_2@tipperaryetb.ie

A text will be issued to you with instructions on how to access VS-ware before the commencement of school. The following link will support you with this process:

BLENDED LEARNING

In the event that the school has to implement social distancing and we are unable to have all year groups present each day a model of blended learning will continue. In order for this to be successful students will need upskilling in the use of MOS 365 specifically Teams and OneNote. This will work best for students if they have access to a good quality phone and laptop/tablet while at home along with wi-fi. I know this is an extra cost burden, but these devices will be essential if students have to receive tuition in their own homes during the coming year. All incoming 1st year students will be provided with a school email address with access to all of Microsoft products and will receive training in these products during their Induction Day and subsequently.

STUDENT COSTS - WAY2PAY

Instructions for paying bills on 'Way 2 Pay'

In Coláiste Dún Iascaigh we are endeavouring to go as far as we can to being a cashless school. With this in mind we are partnered with Way2Pay who offer an online payment service. We ask that where possible parents use this system. Way2Pay can be accessed via our school website and there are no charges accruing from the school or Way2Pay for this service.

1. Log into www.way2pay.org
2. Click on login
3. If this is your first log in, the username and password is the mobile number you provided to the school. It must be entered in the 3538----- format e.g. your number is 087 1234567 it must be entered as 353871234567
4. You will then be prompted to change the password. If this is not your first log in, you should have your own log in details
5. Once complete you will be directed to the dashboard

Click pay bills →

The screenshot shows the Way2Pay dashboard with the following sections:

- Pay Bills**: View or pay outstanding bills
- My Payment History**: View historical payments
- My Children's Activities**: your children's current activities
- Contact School**: send the school an email
- View My Courses**: My Courses
- Your Details**: Name: Parent of McCarthy, Address, Telephone: 353868186212, Email: elainemccarthy75@gmail.com
- Recent Payments**:

Activity Name	Amount Paid	Balance	Date
Trip to Germany	€20.00	€70.00	23/05/2017
Trip to Germany	€10.00	€90.00	23/05/2017
- Outstanding vs. Payments in last 30 days**: A pie chart showing Outstanding: €818 and Paid: €930.
- Send an Email to your child's School**: Select a School dropdown and Send Now button.
- News/Letters**: File Name input field.

6. This will lead you to your page where there is a list of activities.

- Book Scheme
- Registration
- Diary
- Pre Exams (3rd /6th)

Way2Pay

Parent of McCarthy Logout

Home My Links

Help Section, click here..

Please select a school: DemoSchool1

Childs Name	Activity	Original Amount	Pay Now?	Balance	Total
Ronan McCarthy	1. Ice Skating	2.00	+ -	<input type="text" value="2.00"/>	2.00
Rian McCarthy	1. Ice Skating	2.00	+ -	<input type="text" value="2.00"/>	2.00
Olan McCarthy	1. Ice Skating	5.00	+ -	<input type="text" value="5.00"/>	5.00

7. Click on the ones you want to pay. The full amount owing will be displayed. This can be **paid in full or alternatively delete the amount showing and fill in the amount you wish to pay.**

This will then be deducted from your total

8. Click on pay now to complete the transaction

Please note you are not charged transaction fees by the school or Way2Pay (your own bank charges may apply)

Books

Books will be issued to first years on induction day Monday 31st August. The cost of the book scheme for 1st year students will be €160 for three years. This can be paid online using our *Way2Pay System* (see below).

Math's Pack

1st Year Students are requested to purchase a Maths Pack in the school. The cost is €30 and this includes all essential equipment (including a calculator) for Junior cycle maths. This can be paid online using our *Way2Pay System* (see below).

School Cost

Please pay online €120 (via *Way2Pay System*)to cover the cost of:

- School Journal
- School Insurance
- SPHE talks
- Cat testing and other screening tests
- Photocopying materials
- Bus costs for extra-curricular events
- Guest speakers

GENERAL ISSUES

Our school day begins at 8.50 am each day and ends at 3.45pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and at 1.05pm on Wednesdays.

Breaks are 20 minutes (for morning break) and 40 mins (for lunch break).

We seek the support of all parents/guardians with regard to the following issues.

Health Issues/Allergies

We seek to provide a healthy and safe environment for all our school community. In this context, we request that students **do not**, at any stage, bring nut-based products to school. This request is made because of serious nut allergies amongst some students.

The health and safety of our students is paramount. We ask that parents of students with any chronic health conditions contact the school office. Parents/Guardians have a responsibility to inform the school of any changes during the school year.

Contacting Children during the School Day

If there is an urgent need to contact your child during the school day, please do so through the main school office at 052 7442828 / 052 7442906. We would ask parents not to contact children via mobile phone during school hours. If your child needs to contact you, this can be done through Year Heads, Deputy Principals or the main school office.

Leaving the School During the School Day

We strongly discourage students from leaving school during the school day for appointments etc. due to the negative impact on learning. Where such appointments are strictly necessary, a note should be supplied to the Year Head via the student journal before morning assembly (8.50am) and the student will be required to sign out at the main office on leaving the school. We would very much appreciate your co-operation in keeping such absences to a minimum.

Students Arriving Late to School

Students arriving late to school must sign in at the main office and then go straight to class. Notes of explanation should be presented to the office.

Absence Text

If your child is absent from school, you may receive the following text message during the day:

“According to our rolls this morning Name has been marked absent. Please inform the school if Name should be in attendance”

If you receive this message and believe that your child is in school, please contact the school to clarify. Otherwise, your child should present an explanatory note to the office via the student journal on return to school.

NB: Absence messages are not sent every day and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children are in school.

Respect for Our Neighbours

We appreciate your co-operation in reminding your children of the necessity for respectful behaviour at all times.

POLICIES

We would ask all parents / guardians to review the schools policies and procedures with their child. Special consideration should be given to the Code of Behaviour by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.colaisteduniascaigh.ie/downloads/school-policies/>

SUPPORT

General Queries

Please contact the Year Head Paul Ryan (pryan_2@tipperaryetb.ie) for general queries during the school year on 052 7442828 / 052 7442906.

Further Information will issue shortly.

Peter Creedon

Principal