

# Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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### Dear Parents/Guardians of 5th and 6th Year Students,

As we approach the final months of the school year, I am appealing for your support with the following matters regarding attendance, student sign-in/sign-out procedures, and student cars.

#### **Attendance and Sign-In Procedures**

Regular school attendance is crucial for academic success. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that students attend school every day, barring exceptional circumstances. I ask for your full cooperation in reinforcing this with your son/daughter.

- All students must **sign in by writing their name beside their name** on the roll call sheet in the office upon arrival.
- If a student is leaving school early, they must **sign out in the same manner** but the taking of casual half days is not acceptable. Request for same should be made on the VSware parent app at least 24 hours in advance.
- **Students under 18 must be signed out by a parent/guardian** at the office window. Students will not be permitted to leave school without a parent/guardian present.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students have 29 lesson periods on their timetable.

### **Student Driving & Safety Concerns**

I have been contacted by An Garda Síochána regarding student drivers. In recent weeks, Gardaí have had to stop and caution students due to unsafe driving behaviours.

To ensure the safety of all students, I want to reiterate the following:

- Students who drive to school <u>must</u> park their cars upon arrival and leave them parked for the entire school day.
- Unnecessary, movement of vehicles during the school day poses a serious risk to both students and staff. Students in senior cycle can walk down town for lunch and the fresh air would do them no harm.
- All parents should enquire if their son/daughter is travelling with other students in their cars.

I take these matters very seriously, and I ask for your support in ensuring that all students adhere to these expectations. I have spoken with An Garda Síochána and they will do regular checks near the school and will check that all documentation displayed on cars is meeting road traffic requirements. As School Principal this is the highest risk on my risk register list as the consequences from an accident are potentially life threatening.

Príomhoide: Peadar Ó Criodain Leas Phríomhoide: Darius Ó Dulchaointigh Sinéad Ní Thoráin Principal: Peter Creedon Deputy Principal: Darius Delahunty Sinéad Tarrant



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There are now only about 30 school days remaining so I appeal for full co-operation with these requests and students who have not followed these requests from their Year head and Deputy Principal will be told to study from home for the last number of weeks.

Peter Creedon Call

Principal