

# St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome all our pupils and parents/guardians back to school. We would like to thank you for your co-operation with our school procedures as we begin our teaching and learning journey this year. Please continue this as we work to keep the school environment safe for every pupil, staff member and parent/guardian.

In particular, we welcome our new pupils as they start with us here in St. Conaire's. Our new Junior Infants have settled in well to their respective classes. We wish them and their families well for the coming years. We hope that this will be an enriching year for all the members of our school community.

**New ASD Class:** We have opened a special class for pupils with autism. This new class is in the three-classroom block to the rear of the school and much work has gone in to setting up the class. Irene McMahon is the class teacher and the Special Needs Assistants are Liz Guinan and Barbara Nunes. We wish them well for the coming year.

**Developments at school:** The Board of Management has applied for planning permission to develop a new extension to the west of the main building. This will contain Special Education rooms and an ASD class. We hope to commence construction in early 2022.

**First Holy Communion:** Warmest congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Well done to everyone involved and many thanks to Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Pilkington, Fr. Francis and our sacristan, Michelle.

**Absences:** All absences must be explained by parents/guardians. This may be done on Aladdin Connect or by email/telephone message to the school.

**Nut allergies:** Please remember that we have several pupils with severe nut allergies in the school and nuts or products containing nuts must never be sent in with lunches.

**Parking/Traffic:** **Do not** enter the staff car parks at the front and rear of the school at drop-off/collection times as these areas must be always kept clear. We would encourage as many parents to walk their children to school. We also encourage parents to use the car park at the GAA club and to allow their children to walk in the back gate of the school.

**Dates to note:**

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: St. Conaire's NS will be closing at 12 noon for mandatory staff training.

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: St. Conaire's NS will close at 12 noon for a staff meeting and all pupils will finish early.

These closures will also be notified to you on Aladdin Connect.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh  
Principal Teacher