

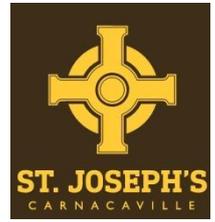
St Joseph's Primary School

Carnacaville

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to a new term. May I congratulate you on how well the pupils are looking. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring full uniform and in particular the school shoes. Please remember to label your child's uniform and all of his/her belongings. Any lost items will be placed in the "Lost Property box" in Mrs Doyle's P3 classroom.

I would ask you to ensure that any pupils with shoulder length or longer hair have it tied back daily in a plait or pony tail. This is for practical reasons as it keeps hair away from their face during work time, playtime and PE. It also helps to minimise the spread of head lice.

New Pupils & Staffing

- Our Primary One and Reception pupils are settling in well and are enjoying the new experiences of school and making new friends.
- Please note that the Primary One school day will finish at **2:00pm from Monday 19th September.**

Reception will continue to be 12:00 noon.

- I am delighted to welcome back Miss Rita Morgan. Miss Morgan will teach our Reception pupils this year and continue in the role as Learning Support Teacher. She has been a great asset to school and many pupils are benefiting from working with her.
- We would like to welcome Miss Claire Hayes (P4) to Carnacaville. She is already making a positive impact on her class. I know she can rely on your support. We wish her every success this year.
- I am thrilled to welcome Mrs Fitzpatrick and Miss Griffin as permanent fulltime members of staff. Mrs Fitzpatrick has been an integral part of our school for many years as our Principal release teacher and has been a great support to me as I moved from classroom to office. She will now teach Primary 5 full time this year. Miss Griffin brings an excellent skill set in teaching, music and drama to our school and I know all our pupils will benefit from her talents.

Drop off & Pickup

As we now have full use of our site we are trying to establish systems for the safe and efficient movement of cars and pupils. ***This will only work if everyone observes the system and park only in proper parking bays.***

I have included a sketch map of the school grounds and would ask you to take a moment and familiarise you self with the one way system. Morning drop off has been working well.

- We will now be allowing the pupils to play outside in the mornings so they will enter through the pedestrian gate at the front of the school to the playground.
- **At any time during the school day you wish to park in the school grounds please **only park in the marked out parking bays.**** Staff will use the lower end of the new car park therefore leaving the top spaces free for parents.
- Parking bays are also available alongside the Old School.
- ***If all parking bays are full you will have to park outside school grounds.***

PARKING IS ABSOLUTELY DISCOURAGED IN ANY OTHER AREA IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS*(Please refer to the enclosed sketch map)*

- When you enter the school and the main drop off point in front of the school is free (**POINT "A"**) please pull up **AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE** and drop your child off.
- If it is full the moment you enter school please follow the one way system around the new car park and drop off at the side of the Sports Hall (**Point "B"**) or continue along to the front of the school and drop off at the new drop off layby (**POINT "A"**).
- This will allow the maximum amount of cars in to school grounds and keep traffic flowing on the road.

2:00pm Pickup

- Please adhere to the parking advice above.
- Parents should enter through the pedestrian gate, walk around to the new extension.
- Teachers will release the pupils from the Resource Area doors.

3:00pm Pickup

- Please adhere to the parking advice above.
- Teachers will release the pupils from the Main Front Entrance.

School Bus Service.

I would like to thank the parents who regularly use the bus service. This has greatly reduced the number of cars around school, particularly at pickup times. The 3:00pm service has been so successful that we have agreed with Trans link to provide a 60 seater. There is still plenty of room on both afternoon services and I would encourage all parents to consider using the bus and either meet your child close to home or at one of the many stops on the route.

Travel cards are available from Trans link which ensures your child doesn't need to rely on cash for their journey. These cards are available from The Bus Depot in Newcastle and can be topped up by the driver on the bus.

Morning Service

The Morning service presents a good alternative for parents. It reaches school at 9:05am approx. I would ask all parents on the route to give it some consideration. If you would be interested in using the morning service the route is listed below.

Dundrum Road, Bus Depot, Main Street, Bryansford Road, Bryansford Ave., Castlewellan Road, School..

School Closures

Attached is a list of school closures and key events. As In previous years, these dates may be subject to change.

Kindest Regards,

Christopher McCann



It's our time!