

**Insurance**

Every child who pays the materials/supplies figure is covered under the Pupil Personal Accident scheme. This is a 24-hour protection and parents can claim for any medical expenses incurred after an injury, even for injuries outside of school. Please check our school website for information on how to claim.

**Board of Management**

The term of the current Board of Management will finish on 30th November 2019. Thank you to the current members who have served on the Board for the last four years. The Chairperson, Fr Collins has begun the process of recruiting members for the next Board. We are seeking expressions of interest from two parents (one mother and one father) to act as parent nominees on the next Board of Management. Expressions of interest must be sent in writing to the chairperson and must be handed in to the secretary's office by Wednesday 9th October. A ballot will take place in the event of more than one candidate for the mother's/father's panel.

**Clothing Collection**

We have a clothing collection taking place at the present to raise funds for our Parents Association. Bags can be dropped to the meeting room beside school office.

**County Photos**

Our School photographer (County Photos) will be here on Monday 18th October to take individual pictures of all our pupils and group pictures of our Junior Infants.



**Please see our school calendar dates on our website to see the dates for 2019/2020 school year.**

Dates for this term:

**Friday 18th October**  
County Photos

**Wednesday 11th December**  
School Closed for Primary Language training

**WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to all who have returned after the summer holidays. We are delighted to welcome our new children to Junior Infants who will be taught by Ms O'Reilly and Ms Larkin. We welcome children who joined other classes also.

**E-Payments**

Book Rental and Materials/Supplies may be paid online. This is a very secure method of payment and helps the school reduce the amount of cash we have on premises. Thank you to all the parents who pay using this method. All payments to the school are entered on our Aladdin system and you will receive a text or email as receipt.

**Book Rental**

Book rental money is now due. Please pay at the school office as soon as possible. There is a book grant for parents who need help with this. Please speak to the principal as soon as possible to apply for this.

**Materials/supplies amount**

This figure is due now. This is a single figure that covers art, craft, photocopying, computers, personal accident insurance and school journal (1st -6th). Please check the booklist for the amount payable. Parents can pay €5/€10 on a weekly basis if they would rather not pay it all in one payment. The school will send a reminder again shortly about payments due.

**Summer Works**

A large building project took place in our school during July and August. The improvements include plumbing, electrical and building works: We had a new heating distribution system (radiators) installed. All our light fittings were converted to LED. Our School roof and walls were insulated. The Middle block and Resource block also had major renovations with new ceilings and floor coverings. The work is almost complete and it will make our building a more comfortable place for all our pupils for many years to come. We have kept the disruption for our pupils to a minimum. The work was jointly funded between the Department of Education and SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland).

**Absence**

Every absence from school during the year must be recorded on our administration system, Aladdin. The Education Welfare Act requires schools to record absences under certain categories. Parents can now record their child's absence on the Aladdin Connect App. Please use it the next child your child is absent. If you prefer, a written note can be presented to the school. It is very important we get a reason for every absence. Any absence greater than 20 days is automatically reported to Tulsa. Our overall attendance for 2018/2019 school year was 93.4% which was one of our best years for attendance. Please keep it up!

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**Uniform**

The uniform for our school is a red jumper, white shirt, red tie, grey trousers/skirt. Uniforms can be purchased in many department stores (Dunnes Stores, Lidl, The Sisters uniform shop, etc.). School tracksuits are available to purchase from the office for use on PE day, swimming or after-school sports. Please note your child's PE day.

We expect children to wear uniform each day. They wear their tracksuit on PE days, if they have sport after school or attend swimming. If a child does not wear the uniform, a parent must send in a note to the teacher.

School crests are an optional part of the uniform. Most children wear un-crested jumper from local retailers. If you do wish to purchase a crest, they are available in the office at a cost of €5.

**Carambola Lunches**

Carambola provide our school lunches for every pupil. The Department of Social Protection has made some changes to the menu this year. Please use your log-in sheet to change your child's lunch choice. The office will not change lunches; this must be done by parents online.

All children must bring home lunch bags, bottles and sandwich wrappers each day. This is in line with our Green Schools policy.

**Newsletters**

The principal issues monthly newsletters, similar to this one. These are sent home with 'family messengers', so only one goes to each household.



**After School Activities**

The school has a range of after-school activities for boys and girls. Dancing, Gaelic football, hurling, camogie, soccer, athletics and basketball are some of the activities provided in the school. It is important that children stay active. We have a great sporting tradition in our school. Hopefully we will be like the Dublin Men's and Ladies teams and play in Croke Park later in the year.

**Junior Infants**

It is our policy that all junior infants are collected by an adult. To facilitate this, we have only one door for our infant classes to go home each day. Please confirm with your teacher the correct exit door. All infants line up on the yard in the morning and the teacher will collect the class at 8.50am from the line. This gives the teacher an opportunity to prepare the classroom and lessons before class begins.

**Security**

Security in our school is important. At 9.00am each morning external doors are closed and access is through the main office only. If you leave the building during the day, please ensure the door is closed behind you. All visitors must report to reception. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to leave an area and report to the office. Your child's safety is our number one priority.

**Morning Time**

Pupils may arrive from 8.40am to our yard. The yard is supervised by a member of the school management team at this time. Children may not arrive before 8.40am as they are not covered by our insurance. Teachers collect from yard at 8.50am.

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**Parents Room**

Our Parents Room is located in the resource block upstairs. This is a space in the school that parents can access during the day. There is a kitchen area adjacent to the room. Parents may use the room from 1.30pm each day if they are waiting to do a collection at 2.30pm. This room is for parents and their own children. One parent must not be in charge of several children at any one time. Please ensure your child remains in the parent's room and is not wandering around the school building. The continued success of this room depends upon everyone adhering to these rules.

Ms Murphy is responsible for managing the parents room and will run some courses from here during the year.

**Dogs**

The Board of Management has instructed that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds. There are a number of children with allergies or a fear of dogs. Any breaches of this should be brought to the attention of the principal.



Parents should not enter the building at this time. Your child's safety is our number one priority and this is the reason we implement this policy.

On a wet day Senior Infants to 6th Class go to the hall (from 8.40am) and wait in their line. Junior Infants are the only pupils allowed to go to the class directly on a wet day.

**Traffic**

There has been a large increase in traffic using Mountain Park and St. Dominic's Road in the morning. I would urge all parents to walk if they live near the school. Please be conscious of our neighbours. Parents should not park where it is illegal to do so or where they are causing an obstruction to residents. Our Community Garda has been asked to enforce this.

We are lucky to have a lollipop lady, Niamh Byrne, to ensure children cross the road safely. Please follow her instructions when asked to slow down or stop.

**Website**

Our website is an excellent source of information for parents. It has many pictures and accounts of activities from different classes in the school. Updates from our website appear on our Facebook (St Dominic's Parents Page) and twitter (@stdominicnsns) news feeds.

**After School Club**

The After School Club is located beside St. Dominic's Tots. It is run by Laura McGovern. It runs from 1.30pm - 4.30pm each day. Please contact the office for an information leaflet.



**Breakfast Club**

We have a breakfast club available for pupils and it is free of charge. It is in place to support parents who leave for work early in the morning, etc. It is fully subscribed at present. We are happy to take names for a waiting list and contact you if a place comes up. Please contact our Home School Co-Ordinator Laura Murphy.