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School Re-opening Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 9am

Dear Parents,

29th August 2023

I would like to extend a huge welcome back to Kiltale N.S. to all our pupils, staff and parents. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer break.

A special word for our **Junior Infants, Miryam Bibi, Keelan Black, Fionán Donnelly, Joe Donnelly, Luke Donoghue, Andrew Duffy, Charlotte Durnin, Anna Egan, Sienna Faulkner, Molly-Rose Ferguson, Odhran Flynn Kelly, Jacob Garvey, Michael Hannon Lynch, Jake Keena, Olivia Maguire, Alison McCormack, Dean McKay, Hassan Muhammad, Ollie O'Connor, Robyn Ratty and John Rayfus** who began their primary school journey with us this year. We hope they have many fulfilling experiences in Kiltale N.S.

We also send our very best wishes to the 6th Class of 2022/23 as they move on to post-primary school and the next phase of their lives. Go n-éirí go geal libh!

We would like to thank Mark Durnin for cutting the grass at the back of the school and maintaining the school throughout the summer. We would also like to thank Jason Black for renovating the garages over the summer.

A reminder that no parents/guardians are permitted on the school premises without an appointment. This will be reviewed throughout the year. **Please exercise caution and courtesy in the car park for the drop-off and collection, where the same drop-off and collection protocols will be in place as last year.**

With the exception of Junior & Senior Infants the school day will run from **9am to 2:40pm**. We will receive the pupils at **8:50am** each morning. No pupils are permitted entry to the school premises before this time everyday.

Junior Infants - From **Wednesday 30th August** the Junior Infants will start at **10am** and finish at **12 noon** until Friday 1st September. From **Monday 4th September** the Junior Infants will start at **9am** and they will line up in the yard with the rest of the school. **Their teacher, Ms Dunne, will bring them to the gate of the carpark at 12 noon** where their parents and guardians can collect them.

From Monday 11th September the school day for Infants will run from 9am to 1:40pm daily.

If you need to contact your child's teacher please contact them via their school email address as follows:-

- **Junior Infants** - Ms. Orla Dunne - orla.dunne@kiltalens.ie
- **Senior Infants / 1st** - Ms. Niamh Donnelly - niamh.donnelly@kiltalens.ie
- **2nd / 3rd** - Ms. Rachel Brown - rachel.brown@kiltalens.ie
- **4th / 5th** - Ms. Úna McCormack - una.mccormack@kiltalens.ie
- **6th** - Mr. Colin McElroy - principal@kiltalens.ie
- **SET** - Ms. Sandra Connolly & Ms. Anne Flood (on a job sharing basis) - sandra.connolly@kiltalens.ie and anne.flood@kiltalens.ie
- **Principal's Release Post** - Ms. Aoife Jennings - aoife.jennings@kiltalens.ie

A reminder that our school has a part time secretary and teaching Principal. We will endeavour to deal with any query as soon as possible. We appreciate your understanding and patience on this during the year.
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Please note the following important information: -

- Kiltale NS is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS (check the ingredients) IN SCHOOL e.g., Nutella, Peanut butter, etc.
- Any child who needs an inhaler or other medication should bring it in along with instructions of how they are to use it, stored in a Ziploc bag with their name clearly marked on the bag. The bag will then be left with their class teacher.
- The Board of Management have decided that all pupils are required to bring in their own **small wash bag** with face cloth / hand towel and hand sanitiser. These will be used for toilet breaks and also before break time too e.g. applying hand sanitiser before food. The rationale for introducing this protocol is that it is good for the environment and forms part of the Green Schools' Initiatives. It also encourages the pupils to become more aware and responsible for their own personal hygiene. These measures will assist us in our endeavours to stop the spread of unwanted infections and reduce the numbers falling ill in our school community.
- **Free Book Scheme** - In Budget 2023, the Government provided over €50 million to eliminate the cost of schoolbooks for children attending primary and special schools. From September 2023, **schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks** for children in recognised primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. Please click here for full details gov.ie - [Free Primary Schoolbooks Scheme](http://gov.ie) . As a result our Book Rental Fees will not include the cost of schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks but we will be looking for Pupils' Insurance and Arts & Crafts Materials fees for the 2023/24 school year. Details will be issued during September 2023.

● Active Schools' Week - Monday 4th to Friday 8th September 2023

- Children are permitted to wear their school tracksuits everyday next week
- Homework for the week will be
 - 30 minutes to one hour of physical activity daily and
 - 15 to 30 minutes reading each night.
- Please remind children to stay in their designated area on the yard as we have an unsecure boundary. Every pupil must be in the line of sight of a teacher at all times.
- **CCTV** - Unfortunately we have found Dog Faeces deposited on the school grounds during the summer holidays. This is a worrying trend as they have been found specifically in areas where the children play on a daily basis. We regret that in the interest of child safety and hygiene there is strictly **NO DOGS** allowed on school grounds (even if on leads) at **ANYTIME** due to health reasons during school term and school holidays.
- On Wednesday 13th September 2023 County Photos will be in the school to take photos of the children - Full uniform should be worn and family photos will be taken.



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- ALL children will go out at playtime with no exception (weather permitting). If you feel your child is not well enough to go out to play, then your child is not well enough to be at school.
- Pull ups and outdoor shoes can be worn on the grass (waterproof trousers or an old pair of tracksuit bottoms to pull on over their clothes). Please provide a waterproof bag for these to be stored in when not in use.
- Please ensure we have at least 3 emergency contacts for your child. You can update your details on Aladdin Connect. In an emergency situation we need to have contact immediately.
- PE days will be confirmed within the next two weeks. Full uniform will be expected every day until directed otherwise.
- This time of year Kiltale NS are taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Football competitions. The fixtures will be available soon for both the boys and girls.
- To take part in these activities and to have your child's photo and work on the website we need to get your permission each year. We will be sending out requests for your permission through Aladdin Connect. Please watch out for our requests and ensure your wishes are entered.
- Irish Dancing classes will resume in Summerhill on Saturday the 10th of September. Classes are upstairs in the Community Centre. The class is from 11 am until 12 and costs €10. Children of all levels are welcome from beginners to more experienced dancers. Children from the age of 4 may attend. New members are welcome. Should you have any questions please contact Ann Carney (TCRG) on 0876336495.

The Parents' Association is looking for volunteers, if any parent is interested in getting involved please email kiltalepta@gmail.com

Wishing everyone good health and well-being for the new school year,

Kiltale NS.