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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

As we are over three weeks back at school there are a few items for your attention.

**Uniform** - All pupils to wear their assigned uniform each day i.e.. no club colours, sports gear permitted. Wet gear and appropriate clothing for all weathers should be provided for your child to ensure pupils can get out on the yard daily. We are currently updating our Uniform Policy and this will be circulated to parents in the coming weeks but here is a reminder:

Please ensure all items of clothing, stationery and personal belongings are properly labelled with your child's name.

- Children in [Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class](#) will **only wear** the School Tracksuit
  - Please note that **only Junior Infants** are expected to purchase the new school tracksuit. All existing school tracksuits that have been purchased by parents will still be permitted as part of the school uniform. In the future, the new school tracksuit should be purchased and is available in Ted Murtagh's, Trim.
- Children in [3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class](#) will wear the current School Uniform and their tracksuit on PE days **ONLY** unless otherwise told.
- PE Timetable for 2025/26 attached.

We welcome Ms. Maeve Coleman who is currently teaching in **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class** until further notice. Please email [office@kiltalens.ie](mailto:office@kiltalens.ie) should you wish to contact her at any stage.

**Emergency Works** - The Emergency Works are still ongoing in the school. Over the summer, we installed a new system for storing cold water and distributing it throughout the school to taps and toilets. At present, they are completing the changeover from Oil to Gas central heating. We have been told it should be up and running by the end of this month. In the interim, please ensure your child is warm enough and wears extra layers if needed until the new system is fully operational.

**Enrolment for 2026/27 School Year** - We are currently enrolling pupils for the school year 2026/27. We request that enrolment forms be submitted to the school by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please find attached the Admissions Notice and our application form for Admission 2026/27. If you have no child enrolling please pass this on to any neighbours or friends that might have an interest in sending their children to our school. If you need additional copies of the admission form please contact us by email at [office@kiltalens.ie](mailto:office@kiltalens.ie) or you can download it from our website, Admission Form 2026/27. You can check out our website, [www.kiltalens.ie](http://www.kiltalens.ie), "Starting School" for more information.

**Seasonal flu vaccination in Kiltale NS** - The HSE and the Department of Health in conjunction with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland have operated off-site vaccination clinics through pharmacies for the past three years. We are providing this service again this year:

- The Pharmacy operating the clinic is O'Donnells Pharmacy in Ashbourne, County Meath.
- The PSI registration number is 10002483 and the HSE operating number is 12767.
- The supervising Pharmacist is Garrett Ross.
- The forms will be distributed this week to be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.
- Upon collection of the returned forms to the school, Garrett Ross will arrange a date to accommodate the vaccination clinics here in the school.

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### **Post-Primary School Open Nights for 2026/27 -**

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Boyne Community School, Trim from 5-7.30pm.
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 - St. Vincent's Castleknock College from 5-9pm. Please check their website for details <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/>
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - Scoil Mhuire, Trim from 5-7pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Dunshaughlin Community College from 4.30-6.30pm.

**Additional Closure Days for the school calendar -** We have been notified of these mandatory school closures by OIDE and the Department of Education and Youth (D.O.E.Y.).

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025** - Teacher training in Child Protection Procedures
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026** - Day 1 Primary Curriculum Framework
- **Date to be confirmed** - Day 2 Primary Curriculum Framework

Please find attached our Calendar of Events for Term 1 of 2025/26 school year, *Please note this Calendar is subject to change at various stages during the School year due to unforeseen closures, with these notable dates: -*

- There will be a **12 noon finish for pupils on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025** due to Staff training on the KiVa anti-bullying programme.
- **Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class** - Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 10am**. All children should wear their full uniform, **NO** non-uniform gear allowed.
- **Skipping Workshops** - **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025** all children will be taking part in skipping. Mark will have ropes available on the 25<sup>th</sup> for the children to buy for use at home. As they will **ONLY** be available on the 25<sup>th</sup> to buy here is the price list:
  - CHILDREN'S ROPES - Individual rope costs are as follow:
  - 7ft Speed Rope € 7 (Jun Inf - Sen Inf Children)
  - 8.5ft Speed Rope € 7 (1<sup>st</sup> Class - 6<sup>th</sup> Class Children)
  - 10ft Speed Rope €10 (Adults/Partner Skipping)
  - Family Rope €12 (16ft Long, perfect for 1-3 people in long rope games 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class)
  - Double Dutch Set €18 (2 x 16ft Long, perfect for 1-3 people in Double Dutch 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class)
  - Long Rope €15 (25ft Long, perfect for 4 or more in long rope in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class only)
- **Tin Whistle Lessons** - Starting **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025** for all pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class and will continue throughout term 1. Please ensure all pupils bring in their tin whistles and folders used last year. Fees will be confirmed after the next Board of Management meeting.
- **Presidential Elections** - **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 TBC** (to be confirmed) We are waiting for confirmation that our school will be used for this election day.
- Our **Gaelic Football matches** have started. Good luck to both the girls and boys teams. **PLEASE NOTE: GUM SHIELDS are mandatory when you are playing**, every player is required to wear a gum shield for every gaelic football match.  
**A child with NO Gum Shield will not be allowed to play in the match.**

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## **Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025**

Child Protection Procedures for Schools have been updated and republished on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as outlined in circular [41/2025](#).

The 2023 procedures remain in place until schools, through their board of management, formally adopt the 2025 procedures. The 2025 procedures must be adopted by boards of management no later than their last meeting prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 and can be adopted at any point prior to this date.

Upon adoption of the 2025 procedures, the board must ensure that the latest templates provided by the Department for the **Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment** are being used.

Training for all school personnel, including mandated and non-mandated persons, will be provided by Oide on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth.

We will keep you informed of any further developments in this area. Further details can be accessed on [Child Protection procedures in Schools](#).

Wishing everyone good health and well-being.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

*Colin McElroy*  
Principal

*Orla Dunne*  
Acting Deputy Principal.