



Clonmoney National School

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Re: Back to School Letter 25/26

Monday, 25th August 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer. As we begin a new school year at Clonmoney National School, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils and families. A very special welcome goes to the 24 Junior Infants who are starting their school journey with us for the very first time. We hope that they quickly feel at home here in Clonmoney and enjoy every step of their learning adventure. We also warmly welcome two new pupils—Myles (2nd Class) and Maisie (3rd Class), and hope they quickly feel at home & happy here in Clonmoney NS.

We are also pleased to welcome back familiar faces among our staff. Mrs. Ciara McCarthy returns to teach 3rd Class, while Kelly MacLean-Colleran, who has previously worked with us, will be job-sharing with Ms. Amy Mulderrig this year.

Drop-Off & Collection Procedures

- **Morning Routine:** Children should go to the yard or astro area on arrival. Bags should be left near their class lines until the bell rings at 8:50 a.m. For the first week, our new Junior Infants may enter directly through the main door & go to their classroom.
- **Supervision:** The yard will be supervised from 8:40–8:50 a.m. Please note that the school cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before this time.
- **Entry to School Grounds:** For everyone's safety, children should enter via the lower gate at the church car park unless cycling or walking from the co-op direction. Parking in front of the staff car park is not permitted.

Junior Infants Early Finish:

To help ease the transition for our new Junior Infants, they will finish at 12:00 pm daily until Tuesday 9th of September. From Wednesday 10th, they will commence their full school day, finishing at 1:30 pm.

School Text Books, Workbooks & Copies:

Textbooks, workbooks, and copies will be distributed when school reopens. Junior and Senior Infants will receive all necessary learning aids in school (pencils, crayons, etc.). They only need to bring their school bag, lunchbox/plastic cutlery, and a drinks beaker.

Children in 1st–6th Class should bring the items listed on the stationery list, which can be viewed on our school website: [StationeryLists](#)

We ask parents to ensure copies and workbooks are clearly labelled when sent home.

Photocopying, Insurance, ICT & Art Supplies Fees:

A contribution of €50 per pupil is now due. This covers photocopying, art supplies, ICT licences, and 24-hour pupil insurance. Payments can be made via the Aladdin App or directly to the office (a receipt will be issued). We thank you sincerely for this.

Aladdin App & Communication:

The Aladdin Connect App is our main communication tool for notices, updates, and absence reporting. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Schools are legally required to notify the Education Welfare Services of any child missing more than 20 days in a school year. In line with our policy, we will also remind parents when absences reach 15 days. Full details of our attendance policy are available on our website.

Sacrament Dates:

We are currently liaising with the parish office and our neighbouring parish schools to confirm dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Families will be informed as soon as dates are finalised.

Class Arrangements 2025/26 & Teacher Contact List:

Please see below our classes for the year ahead, their respective teachers and their email contacts.

Class Name:	Teacher	Room	Email Contact
Juniors	Mrs. Doris Vaughan	3	doris@clonmoneyns.com
Seniors	Ms. Amy Mulderrig Ms Kelly MacLean-Colleran	1	amy@clonmoneyns.com kelly@clonmoneyns.com
1 st Class	Mr. Colin Guilfoyle	2	colin@clonmoneyns.com
2 nd Class	Mr. Garrett Barry	6	garrett@clonmoneyns.com
3 rd Class	Mrs. Ciara McCarthy	Prefab	ciara@clonmoneyns.com
4 th Class	Ms. Clíodhna McCannon	8	clíodhna@clonmoneyns.com
5 th Class	Mr. Stephen Littleton	4	stephen@clonmoneyns.com
6 th Class	Mrs. Marion Crimmins	5	marion@clonmoneyns.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Anne-Marie Griffin Mrs. Claire Cullinan (Job Sharing)	9	annemarie@clonmoneyns.com claire@clonmoneyns.com
S.E.T.	Mrs. Audrey Halpin	7	audrey@clonmoneyns.com
Secretary	Mrs. Yvonne Enright	Office 2	secretary@clonmoneyns.com
Principal	Mr. David McCormack	Office 1	principal@clonmoneyns.com

Industrial Action

As you may be aware, members of the Fórsa union (school secretaries and caretakers) are commencing industrial action from Thursday, 28th August. This action is part of their campaign for fair pension entitlements and access to leave.

Our school secretary, Mrs. Yvonne Enright, will be participating in this action. This will unfortunately affect normal office services, including phone calls, emails, and in-person access. Full details of the arrangements and their impact on parents are included in a separate note, accompanying this letter.

The Board of Management and I wish to express our full support for Yvonne. She is an integral part of our school, and her contribution deserves recognition and parity with other school staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Looking Ahead

The start of the school year is always an exciting time, filled with new beginnings and opportunities. I look forward to working together with you to ensure every child has a happy, safe, and rewarding year in Clonmoney NS.

If you have any questions regarding the reopening of school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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David McCormack

Principal

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