



Clonmoney National School

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Re: Back to School Letter 26/27

Monday, 24th August 2026

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 our 24 Junior Infants, who are beginning their school journey with us for the very first time. We hope they quickly feel at home here in Clonmoney and enjoy every step of their learning adventure. We also warmly welcome our two new pupils, Cora in 1st Class and Sienna in 2nd Class, and hope that they settle in quickly and are very happy here in Clonmoney NS.

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 Wednesday 9th of September.**

From **Thursday September 10th**, they will commence their full school day, finishing at 1:30 pm. This will also be their first day of receiving a hot meal for our provider Obair.

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 your continued support with this contribution.

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 will soon be liaising with the parish office and our neighbouring parish schools to confirm dates for **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation** for 2nd class pupils. Families will be informed as soon as dates are finalised. Confirmation, being celebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan, will take place on **Saturday, 17th of April** at 11 am in Newmarket on Fergus Church.

Class Arrangements 2026/27 & 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	1	amy@clonmoneyns.com kelly@clonmoneyns.com
1 st Class	Mrs Claire Cullinan	2	claire@clonmoneyns.com
2 nd Class	Mr. Garrett Barry	Prefab	garrett@clonmoneyns.com
3 rd Class	Mrs. Ciara McCarthy	6	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.	Mr Colin Guilfoyle	9	colin@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

Obair Hot Meals Scheme – Full-Year Opt-Out

The school will continue to participate in the Obair Hot Meals Scheme during the 2026/27 school year. Parents who wish to avail of the scheme will continue to receive a weekly Google Form from Yvonne to select meals for their child.

If your child **does not** wish to receive hot meals at any stage during the school year, please complete the **short opt-out form** below. This will allow us to remove your child from the weekly ordering process and help reduce food waste.

Please note: This form only needs to be completed by families who wish to **completely opt out for the full 2026/27 school year**. Once you have completed it, you will not need to opt out again each week on the regular Obair meal-ordering form.

Google Form:

[\[Click here to complete the Hot Meals Full-Year Opt-Out Form\]](#)

A Special Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank a number of parents and members of our school community who have helped improve our school over the summer.

A special thank you to Edel Moloney of Missi Gray Interiors for her generous help and expertise with the colours and design for the exterior painting of the school. The work on the window sills and reveals has brought a wonderful sense of vibrancy and colour to our building, and we are delighted with the result.

I would also like to thank Alan Woods of ALPA Construction for the excellent work he has carried out on our sensory space in the prefab and on the new shelving in Classroom 1. We really appreciate the time, effort and care that has gone into these improvements, which will benefit our pupils and staff throughout the coming school year.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and families who have supported our Golf Classic fundraiser. Your generosity and encouragement have been greatly appreciated and will make a significant contribution to our ongoing plans for the school. A separate note will be sent to acknowledge and thank all of our generous tee box sponsors.

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 that 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