



St. Brendan's Boys Primary School

General
School
Information

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VISION

We see our school as a place where pupils enjoy learning in an atmosphere of contentment, fulfilment, respect and positive affirmation.

We encourage curiosity, co-operation, active participation so that pupils will appreciate their own worth as physical and spiritual beings and of their potential contribution to society.

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Dear Parents

On behalf of all in St. Brendan's Boy's School I would like to welcome you to our school. We hope your child will be very happy with us.

At St. Brendan's P.S. We try to create a learning atmosphere that stimulates each pupils interest and imagination to allow them develop their individual talents. Please check out our website (listed below) to see the projects and activities that go on at our school.

Should you have any queries please contact myself, the school secretary or the Home School Coordinator at the school. Phone (057) 9121033

Yours sincerely,

Niall Crofton
(Principal)

Email: principal@stbrendansps.ie

Website: www.stbrendansps.ie

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The school is administered by a Board of Management. The staffing, planning and maintenance of the school is the responsibility of the Board. The Board is made up of representatives of the Patron, parents, teachers and members of the wider community. Elections to the Board are held every three years. Any parent or guardian who has a child attending the school is eligible for election on to the Board.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The aims of the Association are to:

- Represent the views of the parents of the children.
- Foster co-operation between the parents, teachers and school management.
- Help with the provision of extra equipment, teaching aids and facilities.
- Provide opportunities for parents to meet and exchange ideas, problems and areas of mutual interest.

MEMBERSHIP

A general meeting of members is held each year.
At this meeting a committee is elected.

Religious education is provided for pupils in accordance with the doctrine and tradition of the Catholic Church

Our School Creed

This is our school
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment,
Let love live here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself,
And love of God.
Let us remember
That, as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school

Traditional

UNIFORM AND TRACKSUIT

It is expected that all children wear their uniform or school tracksuit at all times while attending school. Please write your child's name clearly on each item of clothing brought to the school each year.

BOOK BILLS

A book rental scheme exists in the school and is operated in September each year.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

St. Brendan's P.S. tries, as far as possible within the limitations of funding and facilities, to bring a wide range of activities to the boys. In the past these have included, drama, pottery, dance, gymnastics, drumming workshops, juggling, street theatre and swimming. There is also a great emphasis on sporting activities and we are privileged to have the active support of coaching in rugby, soccer, hurling and gaelic football.

SCHOOL RULES/CODE OF DISCIPLINE

Basic school rules are printed on the inside cover of the Homework Journal. A full 'Code Of Discipline' can be seen by parents on our school website and is also available on request at the office.

Please feel free to call to the school at any time and discuss any concerns you may have. Every effort will be made to deal with them in a sensitive and forthright manner.

Best Wishes

Niall Crofton

Principal

Email: principal@stbrendansps.ie

GENERAL SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR PUPILS

- Pupils are expected to wear the full school uniform every day except for P.E. and Swimming days. School Tracksuit and Polo Shirt must be worn on those days.
- Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for your child until 9.10 am and that any child present in the yard before this time is un-supervised and is not the responsibility of the school. In the case of the children travelling by school bus the school cannot accept responsibility for escorting them from the bus to the school and from the school to the bus.
- As the school has a Healthy Lunch policy fizzy drinks and junk food are not allowed. Chewing gum, bars and sweets are not allowed in the school.
- Please discuss with your child the importance of good behaviour in school. School Rules can be found in the homework journal.
- Parents of Junior and Senior infants are requested to collect their children promptly at 2.00pm.
- It is very important that the school is informed of any ailments or illnesses that may affect your child's performance at school.
- No unauthorised games or persons are allowed in the school grounds after 3.00pm.
- In the interests of safety, facial jewellery e.g. earrings, studs, etc. are not allowed.

GENERAL SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR PUPILS(CTD)

- Following absence from school and in cases of unfinished homework an explanatory note must be given to the teacher. All children from 1st to 6th receive a school journal which is part of our Book Rental scheme.
- In accordance with the provisions of the Education Welfare Act the school MUST notify the National Education Board if a child has missed more than 20 days from school in a single year.
- If your child is genuinely ill, he should be kept at home. Medicines cannot be administered at school.
- The school would prefer that the child be collected by an adult in all instances where the child has to leave early.
- Cycling is not allowed in side the school gates unless under approved school supervision. We encourage all boys who cycle to school to wear the correct safety gear
- Personal Accident Cover is included for all pupils.
- Boys who remain in school for lunch may not leave the school during lunch break without a written request from a parent.
- Each child's name should be clearly marked on all personal property.
- Mobiles Phones are not permitted in the school. If a child must take one it must be handed into the office in the morning and can be collected on leaving school. Any phones found in the school will be confiscated and parents/guardians will have to collect them. The school phone is available for children's use if a phone call has to be made in an emergency.

SCHOOL TIMES

Classes commence each day at 9.20 am. No responsibility can be accepted for pupils arriving before 9.10am to the school.



Classes end each day at 2.00pm for Junior and Senior Infants. It is very important that Junior and Senior infants are collected from their classrooms as they cannot be allowed out to the gate unaccompanied.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The school is not party to the school transport system and the fact that the children are conveyed to school by bus does not impose any additional obligations on the school or the teachers. As we have stated, it is important the parents are aware that no arrangements exists for the supervision of their children who arrive at the school whether by school bus or otherwise before the official opening time. A similar situation arises in respect of children who remain after school hours awaiting collection by the school bus.



NOTES

The school must be notified in writing if a child needs to leave school early. No child may leave the school without parent or guardian during school times. If someone else is collecting the child then please notify the school in writing. Pupils being collected during the day from school must be signed out at their class.



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- Teachers are not insured to administer medication to children. If vital medication is needed, throughout the school day, this must be brought to the attention of the principal so that administration arrangements can be discussed.
- Accidents occur despite supervision. Minor accidents are treated at school. Slight cuts and grazes are normally treated by cleaning the wound with cold water and applying a plaster. When a dressing has been put on a wound parents are requested to inspect the wound when a child comes home from school. In the event of a more serious accident or a child becoming ill, every possible effort will be made to contact the pupil's parents or the person delegated to take responsibility for the pupil.

PARENT TEACHER CONTACT

It is important for parents to keep in regular contact with their child's teacher and with the life of the school. We have a formal Parent—Teacher meeting once every year and a formal school report is sent out every June. As you can appreciate our school is a busy place so we ask where possible to please make an appointment if you wish to meet the teacher or principal.

PHONE NUMBERS

We have created a text-a-parent system at the school which is used to keep parents informed of school events/ school closures etc. It is important to keep the school updated of any change in mobile phone numbers.

Please ensure that your child's teacher has an up to date address and phone number. Please include at least one other contact for emergencies in the event of your child becoming sick.



SCHOOL TIMES

Junior and Senior Infants: 9.20 am - 2.00pm
Rang 1—Rang 6 : 9.20 am - 3.00pm



SACRAMENTS

Rang 2-Reconciliation and Communion
Rang 6-Confirmation

BOOK LIST

We operate a book rental scheme at school where school purchase textbooks and workbooks and parents pay a book rental charge at start of each year.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform consists of:

A white shirt

A navy v-neck jumper (School Navy)

A grey trousers

A green and red tie

These can be purchased in local drapery shops or large clothing providers nationwide.



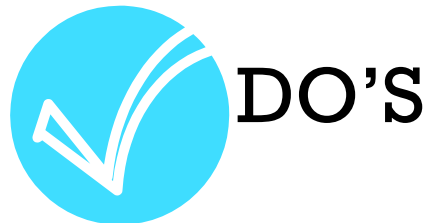
SCHOOL TRACKSUIT

The school tracksuit (Navy & Green) is available for purchase in Declan Phelans Menswear, Connaught Street, Birr. A plain white polo shirt must be worn with the tracksuit. This can be purchased in any drapery shop. No football / soccer jerseys allowed.

FOOTWEAR

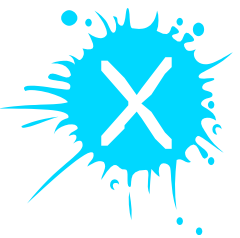
Dark coloured footwear with the uniform.
Runners with the tracksuit.





DO'S

1. Keep the school clean by putting litter in the bins.
2. Show courtesy to other children, teachers and visitors to the school
3. Wear your complete uniform
4. Keep toilet areas clean and wash your hands after use.



DON'TS

1. Shout, slide or run at any time on stairs or corridors.
2. Rush out the school gate.
3. Play roughly, swear or bully other children.
4. Cycle in the school yard.

ATTENDANCE

Most children like to be in school every day. The School Attendance Act requires children to attend school every day unless there is a reasonable excuse for not attending. The school authorities are obliged to notify the school attendance officer when a child is absent for more than 20 days. A 'Notification of Absence' slip is available from the school office or from your child's teacher. It can also be downloaded from the school website, www.stbrendansps.ie.

PUNCTUALITY

It is very important that your child is in school on time as regular lateness is unsettling for everybody. Should a pattern of late arrival become noticeable parents will be contacted by the principal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The school wishes to promote a healthy lifestyle for the children in the school. With this in mind please note the following points:

- Children who are ill should not be asked to go to school
- Parents are asked to make teachers aware of any physical disability, allergy, etc., that their child may have.
- Please check your child's hair regularly for outbreaks of head lice. If there is an outbreak of head lice in a class, all parents of pupils in that class are informed by note and asked to take immediate action to treat infestation.
- A 'healthy lunch policy' is in place in the school. Sweets, bars, crisps, chewing gum, biscuits and minerals are not allowed in the school. A fruit snack is available for boys up to 6th class five days a week. The preparation of the fruit is carried out by parents.

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