

Attendance

Under the Department of Education regulations and guidelines, all pupil absences must be logged on the Databiz Eolas App.

If withdrawing your child during the school day, parents are required to contact the school or email the class teacher in advance and to 'sign out' their child in the book on the table inside the front door. This is for Health & Safety purposes.

School Uniform

Please see the Uniform Policy on our website for further information.

School Uniform to be worn on the first day.

Velcro Runners are preferable for infants.

Information regarding Back to School Clothing & Footwear

Allowance can be applied for at [services.mywelfare.ie](https://www.services.mywelfare.ie).

Communication

The school will communicate with you through

- Databiz Notifications
- Email

Parents Association

The school's Parent Association operate a school parents Facebook page. Search for 'St Finian's NS Parents Association' and send a request to join

Fees

St. Finian's National School operates an online Payment System for the likes of school books, swimming, school tours and other extra curricular activities.

Instructions will be sent to you regarding this when the school closes for summer holidays.

(This is when new pupils get added to our admin system for the next school year.)

School Books

Books will be purchased by the school. Booklists will be sent out by post in June.

School Contact Details

Phone-066 9474685

Email- office@stfiniansns.ie

Teacher's Email-yvonneosullivan@stfiniansns.ie

Website- www.stfiniansns.ie - Password (stfinian)

Regular School Timetable

9.00 - School begins

10.45 -11.00 – Morning Break

12.45 – 1.15 – Lunch Break

1.45 - Home time

Dates to remember

Infant Induction Day, Wednesday 10th May 2023

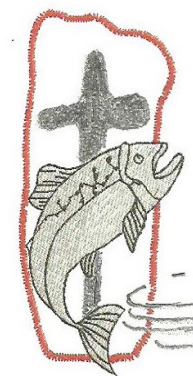
Infants 2:00-2:45 pm and Parents Talk 2:30pm

First day of school, Thursday 31st of August 2023

(9.00am 12.00pm)



Déan do dhícheall i gcónaí.
Always do your best.



St. Finian's N.S.



Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to all pupils joining us in 2023 and to you their parents/guardians. Starting school is an exciting stage in your child's life as they take their first step on the journey of primary school life. It is a milestone filled with enthusiasm and excitement and sometimes an element of trepidation! However, almost all children take to it like ducks to water!

During this school year your child will make new friends, enjoy new experiences and develop and acquire many skills.

Working together with you the parents/guardians, we the staff of St. Finian's NS aim to provide your child with a happy, positive experience, laying solid foundations for your child's continued education.

Preparing for the 'Big Day'

Talk about school casually and positively – as a happy place where he /she will be welcomed and will meet new friends.

- Your child will require a school uniform.
- A school bag big enough to comfortably hold an A4 folder.
- Lunch box and water bottle.
- We recommend shoes/runners secured with either straps or Velcro as laces regularly come undone.
- Your child's books will be supplied by the school. Booklists are posted in June and are also available on the website-Policies/Booklists.
- Please clearly label any removable items – coats, track suit tops, jumpers, stationery etc.
- Please contact the school office to ensure contact details and relevant information are up to date.

Please read the helpful hints and tips from the National Parents Council Primary to supports your child's transition from Preschool to Primary School.

https://www.npc.ie/images/uploads/downloads/HINTS__TIPS_8PP-am.pdf

Developing Independence

Please try to ensure that your child is as independent as possible. It will help your child greatly if he/she is able to:

- *Button and unbutton his/her coat and hang it up.*
- *Use toilet independently.*
- *Will flush the toilet and wash his/her hands without reminding.*
- *Can open and close the lunchbox as well as drink from a bottle.*
- *Share toys and play things with others and take turns.*
- *Tidy up and put away his/her play things.*

The Big Day

Thursday 31st August 2023– 9.00am-12.00pm

Arrival

On the very first day of school you are more than welcome to accompany your child to Ms O' Sullivan's classroom. All the children usually line up in their class lines in the basketball court at the rear of the school. Parents are to drop children at the front gate and the children then walk to their class line.

Going home:

Please be on time as children can get upset if you are not there to collect them.

The teacher will bring the children to the front door.

The teacher will signal to the parent when their child is ready to be collected. The child will then walk to the school gate.

If at anytime the collection routine has to be changed, please tell the child and inform the class teacher.

School Transport

Applications for bus transport or Remote Area Grant (for driving pupils) must be made directly through www.buseireann.ie

Lunches

The school observes a healthy eating policy. We encourage the children to include a piece of fruit in their lunch daily. Several items including fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets and chocolate are not allowed. Please see Healthy Eating Policy on our website for further information.

School Calendar

School calendar can be found on the school website under the tab Policies & Booklists and also on the Eolas app under Calendar tab.

Special Arrangements

31st of August– 8th of September 2023

For these days Junior Infants will start at 9am and go home at 12.00 noon as a full school day can be very tiring for them. The shortened day also helps them to settle in. Children will only require a small snack for these dates.

