

*St. Mary's Secondary School
Irishtown, New Ross, Co. Wexford*

School Year Information 2020/2021

June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please find details for the 2020/2021 school year. We are planning to start the year in the usual way and we will be in touch if a different plan is needed.

We will provide additional information relating to specific events at various stages during the year. We wish you all a happy and restful summer holiday and look forward to meeting you again in the new school year.

John Michael Porter
Principal

1. End of Year Report

Your daughter's report is available on Vsware and details of how to access this has been sent separately.

2. Booklist

All the required books that must be purchased are indicated on the enclosed booklist. Your daughter will know the optional subjects she will study. Our Book Rental scheme applies from 1st to 3rd and Maths in 5th & 6th year.

3. Registration for 2020/21

To include your daughter's name on our register for 2020/2021 please access your MIT account to pay registration costs. These costs include items such as Student Journal, Locker Hire, Student Accident Insurance, Texting Service, Stationery, Subject Materials and costs relevant to particular year groups, such as swimming (1st year) Retreat (3rd & 6th) & Study Clix (3rd/5th/6th years)

The registration costs for the school year 20/21

Year	Registration Costs	Possible Family Contribution Costs *
1	€200 - €50 of this has already been paid as part of your application	€100
2nd	€165	€100
3rd	€285	€100
TY	€650	€100
5th	€145	€100
6th	€275	€100

- **Family Contribution**

Due to decreased funding from the Department of Education & Skills all Voluntary Secondary Schools ask families to help provide additional opportunities for students. You can do this by considering payment of a voluntary family contribution. **This is capped at €100 per family. Your help would be greatly appreciated.**

Please make every effort to pay using the online system. Remember to use the email account that you used to set up your MIT account with and you may also reset your password. For any difficulties please email principal@stmarysnewross.org. If, for any reason, you can't log on and pay please phone in to pay in the school at one of the following times:
10am-2pm on 19th /20th /21st August.

Dates for Return to School

Monday 31st August	1st Year Students and Welcoming 2nd Years, Prefects and Meitheal Leaders
Tuesday 1st September	1st & 6th Year Students
Wednesday 2nd September	1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th year Students
Thursday 3rd September	All Students

4. School Finishing Times 2020/2021

School finishes at 4pm Monday- Thursday and at 1.15 p.m. on Friday. Supervision will be available on Fridays 1.45 - 3.45 pm and details will be available at the start of the year.

5. Lockers

A combination lock will be supplied by the school as part of the family administration costs.

6. Supervised Evening Study

Details re Supervised Evening Study will be available in August.

7. Information For Incoming 1st Years

First Day at School: Monday 31st August from 9a.m - 4pm

As no school buses run on this day parents are asked to make arrangements to have their daughter brought to school for 9am and collected at 4pm. Perhaps a car pool can be organised between neighbours.

No school books are required on the first day of school but a pen and a copy should be brought along. Students will be given their locker in the first few days.

Book Rental Scheme books will be issued during the first week.

The only other students in school on that day are older girls who are coming back to school a day earlier in order to help your daughter to feel more at home in St. Mary's.

Full School Uniform please.

Students will only be placed into their Base Classes on the morning of their first day in school and it is better to expect that friends will not be in the same class room but will be very close by in an adjacent classroom. Learning to make new friends as well as holding onto existing friends is a great life-skill.

We have 137 girls starting out this year. We have placed these girls into 5 classes for all subjects. Each of these Base Classes 1.1, 1.2 1.3, 1.4 & 1.5 is a mixed ability grouping.

8. Regulation School Uniform

The Junior School Uniform is the same for Students in First, Second & Third Year.

Uniform for Junior Students:

Cream blouse with revered neckline

Bottle green V-necked jumper with school crest

Bottle green skirt, 28" long, with 2 inverted pleats to back and front **(not to be shortened)** OR

Bottle green school uniform

trousers Bottle green knee socks /

tights

Plain black or very dark navy, low heeled flat soled shoes. If laced then laces must be same colour as the shoes.

A reversible fleece-lined, navy waterproof, windproof, breathable jacket with School Crest, is optional and the only jacket that may be worn in school if students are feeling particularly cold. These jackets are available from the local uniform suppliers and are suitable for all students.

Uniform for Senior Students:

Cream blouse with revered neckline

Bottle green V-necked jumper with school crest

Black-watch skirt, 28" long, with 2 inverted pleats to back and front **(not to be shortened)** OR Black-watch school uniform trousers

Bottle green knee socks / tights

Plain black or very dark navy, low heeled flat soled shoes. If laced then laces must be same colour as the shoes - see attached sheet

P.E Uniform - All year groups

Compulsory Items: Blue 3 button polo cotton top with school crest Plain navy track suit bottoms Runners with non – marking soles	Optional P.E Items : Navy shorts for warm weather Plain navy track suit top or sweat shirt
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The uniform can be purchased at the following outlets in New Ross

Kennedy's North Street

Ray Lawlor, North Street

ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AND P.E UNIFORM MUST HAVE STUDENT NAME LABELS ATTACHED

9. Regulations governing Student Appearance

All students must have a neat, tidy, clean and natural looking appearance suitable for school. No non-natural hair styles or colouring is allowed.

Facial jewellery is not allowed. Any student who arrives in school wearing same will have to remove it immediately. Facial piercing covered with a plaster is not allowed.

10. Student Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are to be powered off for the full duration of the school day. Parents who need to make contact with their daughter can do so only through the school office. Students wishing to contact home should also do so through the school office.

11. Student Safety on the Roads

Please impress on your daughter her need to be conscious of good road safety habits when coming to and going from school. Extreme vigilance and care is needed crossing at the lights in the Irishtown and crossing near the school

12. Collecting Students

The school needs to know in advance if you need to take your daughter out of school. Your daughter should present a note to Mr. Porter or Ms. Duhig before 8.55a.m indicating the time of collection for an appointment and who will be signing her out. To minimise disruption to teaching and learning it is not possible to disrupt classes via the intercom or to get the student from class.

13. Student Leadership Positions 2020/ 2021

We congratulate the following students who have been elected to undertake leadership positions within the school and wish them the best as they work in the best interest of the whole school community:

Head Girl	Cria Langton	Graignamanagh
Deputy Head Girls & Prefects for 4th and 5th year	Ella Ann Dalton Ellen Quinn	New Ross New Ross
Prefects for 3rd year	Jane Prendergast Kate Foley	The Rower Dunganstown
Prefects for 2nd year	Brid Walsh Áine Galavan	Ballyhack The Rower
Meitheal Leaders are selected through an interview process conducted by the Meitheal Alliance which selects and trains Meitheal Leaders for all Co. Wexford schools. The Meitheal Leaders for St. Marys forthcoming school year are:	Neamh Mulligan Ella Foley Caitlin Mernagh Sarah Flynn Niamh Ogilvie Sinead Ryan Caoimhe Larkin Aoife Murphy Aisling Power Tara Monaghan Ella Rita Dalton Jane McCarthy Shauna Barry Clare Doyle Ella Lyng	Saltmills Ballylane West Heathpark Clonroche Clonleigh Foulksmills Killegney Raheen Gusserane New Ross Ballyhack Ryleen Kilclammon Cushinstown Ballywilliam
Health & Safety Response Team	Kelsey Kehoe Daragh Donohue Eimear McPhillips Aoife Ni Eochaidh Nhan Hue Slevin Lisa Marie Whitty	New Ross The Rower New Ross Place West Arthurstown Taghmon