



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

(St. Laurence O'Toole's National School)

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Our **TOCHAR** Values  
*We aim High*

**T**eamwork,  
Championing **O**thers,  
**C**inéaltas (Kindness),  
**H**onour,  
Eng**A**gement in learning  
**R**esilience.

Dear parents/guardians,  
What a fresh week it has been weather wise! As we are likely to experience adverse weather conditions over the next few weeks, please note that the following procedures will be in place for icy mornings where the school yard is unsafe in parts. If the yard is deemed unsafe by school staff the following procedure will occur:

Parents will receive a **text** to note the following before school starts:

- Village Gate will be closed
- All pupils to enter the school via the front gates
- A walkway will be marked out with cones to guide pupils and staff into the school safely

Parents will be notified that same day about gates which are open on collection.

## Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week from 21st to 27th January. We will begin the week with a prayer service in the school hall on Monday. Throughout the week, all classes will be taking part in various activities centering around the theme for this year "Catholic Schools as Communities of Service".

On Thursday 25th January, we will celebrate **Grandparents Day**. This is always a highlight of the year for all pupils and families. We are inviting grandparents to come into school to speak with the children about what school and life was like when they were young. Grandparents will be invited into the school hall for 11.30am and served tea/refreshments by our wonderful PA. Grandparents will then be escorted to their grandchild's class. All classes are excited about the prospect of meeting any grandparents who are available to attend and as a school we are looking forward to this very special day!

## Fáilte Friday

We will have our first Fáilte Friday of term 2 next Friday 26th January. Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom if they wish between 9.10am and 9.25am. We kindly ask that at 9.25am all parents leave the classroom to enable the teacher to begin formal lessons.

### **Child Safeguarding Review**

Thank you to all the parents who have completed surveys for our annual Child Safeguarding Review. There is still time up until Thursday 18th January to complete the survey. Please click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/raiMLi9b4wUcCh1BA>

### **Guitar Lessons**

Is your child interested in playing the guitar? Guitar lessons for all ages and abilities available.

- Basic/Fun Guitar
- Lead Guitar/Chords/Bass guitar
- Electric Guitar
- Preparation for Grades for the Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Reading/Writing of Music
- Theory of Music

Classes will be on Thursdays after school. For bookings and inquires contact Nathan Nicholl on 0863311215.

### **Spanish Students**

*A note from Rockbrook:*

**Rockbrook International** in Rathfarnham are looking for families to host some Spanish boys (11-12 years old) attending Roundwood NS. Short 4 week stay from 21 Feb – 20 Mar 2024. We also have a full day plan every Saturday from 10.00 -19.00 (with a local bus service organised). Our rate is **€220 per week**. Please call/WhatsApp Michael as soon as possible on **086 4663869** for more detailed information.

### **Home Learning Policy**

Our trial period for our Home Learning Policy is coming to an end and as a school we are now examining how this has been working. Parents, teachers and pupils will be consulted over the coming weeks in relation to how they have found Home Learning. I would like to encourage parents to complete the surveys so we can get a full picture of how Home Learning is working for pupils, teachers and families. We will continue on with Home Learning during the evaluation period. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **WEE Battery Collection**

Thank you to all families who have sent in batteries - the school is filling up and we are excited to think that we may be in with a chance of winning this competition! Keep on bringing in your old batteries!

### **Confirmation Connect**

The following are the dates for parent in-person sessions for Confirmation which will be held in the school hall.

Thursday 18th January - 7pm  
Thursday 22nd February - 7pm  
Thursday 7th March - 7pm

Mass 2: Saturday 27th January @ 7pm  
Mass 3: Saturday 24th February @ 7pm

### **Dates to note:**

*First Confession*

Monday 26th February @ 7pm

*Service of Light*

Monday 15th April @ 7pm

*Confirmation*

Friday April 19th 2024  
*Communion*  
Saturday 11th May 2024

## Parents Association

### What's On this Week from the PA?

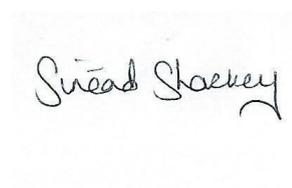
#### Upcoming Events

Please click on the following link or check out our website to read the Parents Association Constitution:

<https://www.roundwoodns.ie/our-school/parents-association/>

Roundwood's Parents Association is a member of the National Parent Council (NPC). The NPC offers a wide range of free parental webinars that can be watched at any time. See the link <https://www.npc.ie/> or phone **01 887 4477** for additional information.

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Sinéad Sharkey  
Principal

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

If you have any concerns of a Child Protection nature, Ms Sinéad Sharkey is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in the school. Any concerns can be brought

directly to Ms Sharkey. If Ms Sharkey is not available, Ms Kim Kelly is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) and will deal with any issues in the absence of Ms Sharkey.

Please note that our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be viewed on our website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie)

### Communication with the School

If you have any concerns or queries in relation to your child or the school, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Teachers can be contacted via the Contact page on our website or alternatively, you can contact the school office directly to make an appointment to speak with the teacher. Please see our Communication with the School Policy on our website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie).

If you are trying to contact the Board of Management on an issue, please send a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the BOM at the school address or, an email to [chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie](mailto:chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie).

Please note that the Parental Complaints Procedure is to be used in the first instance for any issues relating to teachers. Emails will be checked prior to Board of Management meetings throughout the year.

### School Policies

For copies of any of our school policies, please refer to our website. All policies can be downloaded from the website. If you require a hard copy, please contact

the office directly and we will provide you with one.

### **Road Safety outside School**

Staff have been requested not to park on the Lough Dan Road as cars cover the safety signage on the road. Can all parents please not park on the road either as it is unsafe to cover the road markings. Dropping children off and collecting from this area and the area adjacent to the staff car park is also dangerous and we would ask parents to park safely in the village or Roundwood Inn.