



# 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,  
Last Friday Ms Kelly spoke to us about our 4th TOCHAR value of Honour. She discussed ways we can honour ourselves, our family, our friends, our school, our community and our world. Honour is having pride in what you do, who you are as well as showing respect to yourself, others and the world in which we live. We watched a short clip about what honour can mean to others.

Please talk to your child about our TOCHAR value of Honour and what it means to them and to you as a family and community.

### Catholic Schools Week

We are all looking forward to Grandparents Day tomorrow. Our noticeboard is filling up with fabulous photos of our grandparents and special people in our lives. A big thank you to the PA who are organising refreshments for

our special guests which will begin at 11.30am in the school hall. Grandparents will then be escorted to their grandchild's class where all children in the class will have the opportunity to listen to stories of days gone by.

### Fáilte Friday

We will have Fáilte Friday this 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.

### Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Our junior and senior infant parent-teacher meetings are ongoing this week. It is a great opportunity for parents to be updated on their child's progress. If you cannot attend for any reason, please ensure that you inform the school and make another appointment to meet up with your child's teacher.

### Note: School closure

Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday 8th March** for the Referendum as the school will be used as a polling station.

### Hurling Blitz

Our 3rd and 4th class pupils attended a Hurling Blitz in the GAA complex this week with other local schools. A great afternoon of hurling was had by all!

### Swimming

Our 3rd class pupils are enjoying their swimming lessons in Shoreline, Greystones. Thank you to the parent volunteers who make this possible every week.

### Be Winter Ready

Please see attached information from the government about being 'Winter Ready'.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### A letter from the National Parents Council

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. As your representative organisation, the **National Parents Council** is dedicated to advocating for the well-being and safety of our children in today's digital age.

We want to bring your attention to a crucial initiative that directly impacts the online safety of our children. The **Commission for Online Safety** (Coimisiún na Meán) in Ireland has been working on developing a set of rules for video sharing platforms and content creators, including **popular platforms like TikTok and YouTube.**

In October, we contacted you, seeking your valuable insights on the rules or regulations you believe would best protect our children online. Your responses to our survey were instrumental in shaping the discourse around online safety. Now, the Commission has reached a significant milestone by creating a draft code that covers the proposed regulations. We invite you to review the full draft code document by clicking on the following link: [Draft Online Safety Code Consultation Document](#).

### **Your Opinion Matters!**

To ensure that the policies developed by the Commission are not only comprehensive but **also practical for families across Ireland**, we need your continued input. We encourage you to participate in the survey to share your thoughts on the draft code and contribute to the refinement of online safety policies.

### **Survey**

**Link:**

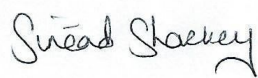
<https://forms.office.com/e/4e6Qp1nVkJ>  
(Click to take the survey!)

Your participation in this survey is a crucial step in shaping the future of online safety for our children. Your insights will **directly**

**influence the Commission's decisions**, making a significant impact on the rules that video sharing platforms and content creators will be required to follow.

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts and experiences. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our children. Together, we can create a safer online environment for all.

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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.