



11th September 2023

Bulletin 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a very positive and productive start to the new school year here in Ramsgrange Community School. Many thanks for all your help in making that happen. We are delighted to welcome our new group of first years, and they are settling in well to their new routine.

A huge congratulations to the Leaving Certificate Class of 2022. We are delighted to report that overall, our students secured a superb set of exam results. We are so proud of all their achievements over the past 5/6 years, and we wish them all the best of luck in their further studies.

On another positive note, Ramsgrange Community School has been awarded the **Trinity Access Programmes: Schools of Distinction Innovation Award 2023**. A testament to all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes by the fantastic teaching staff.

This week is a busy week in RCS, it is extra-curricular activity week, and we are asking that all students sign up for at least one activity that they can take part in during their lunch break. The range of activities are wide and varied and we see them as a great way to build friendships and skills.

There are a few gentle reminders that we ask for your support on for the coming year please:

Uniform

The students look so well in their uniform this year, thank you parents and guardians for this. They are wearing their school colours with pride. Any question regarding the uniform policy you will find it on the school's website. A uniform check will be carried out each morning by the deputy principals. If your child has a uniform issue in the morning, please give them a note in their journal and they can get that signed by Ms Mc Donnell before the start of the school day. If there are spare uniforms available, we will give them to your child.

Toilets

Students have access to the toilets whenever they need. Their teacher will sign their journal if it is during class time. Students must adhere to the maximum number of students using the toilets at any one time (this has been explained to them all). First year students have their own set of toilets. Gender neutral toilets are available for all students, this is in line with best practice and regulations.

Dropping and collecting times

In order to minimise traffic and maximise safety we are asking that parents stick to the car drop off times of 8.30 to 8.45. Buses will drop off between 8.10 and 8.30. Please do not stop on the yellow boxes or park on double yellow lines.

Phones

Mobile phones are banned throughout the school day. This is having a hugely positive impact on the atmosphere and interaction between students. Please phone the office if you urgently need to contact your child during the school day. If your child must leave early for an appointment, please fill out the section in the school journal the morning before they come to school.

Vaping

Vaping is strictly forbidden anywhere on the school grounds. Students found vaping will be sanctioned and parents will be notified of same. We will be running information campaigns throughout the year on the dangers of vaping. Please can you speak to your child about these dangers also.

Nut allergies

There are several students with nut allergies in the school. Please be mindful if sending food in with your child.

The Senior Leadership Team

We are delighted that since the school is thriving, and enrolment numbers have significantly increased over the past few years we have been granted two deputy principal positions.

Ms Cadogan (Deputy Principal) will be looking after the junior students (1st, 2nd, 3rd year)

Ms Kehoe (Deputy Principal) will be looking after the senior students (TY, LCA, 5th and 6th)

Many thanks for all your support and I am really looking forward to working alongside you all, as we do our very best for the students of Ramsgrange Community School in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Tracey Edwards

Principal