



Parent Bulletin

11th January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

We hope that you all had a pleasant Christmas, and we wish you all the best for 2024!

Attendance

Every class matters for your son/daughter's success; good attendance at school is of paramount importance. Please ensure that your child is in school every day. Educational research shows that missing just 5% of the school year can have a serious negative impact on your child's education and personal development. 5% of the school year equates to around 5 days of absence since September.

You can access your child's attendance records and submit absence requests now through the VSware app.

VSware App

We will be communicating with all parents and guardians via the VSware app from now on. Please ensure that you have the VSware app downloaded onto your mobile devices. You should also ensure that you have given VSware permission to send you notifications so that you receive pop ups from the app for events like reports etc. You can access guides on how to set up VSware here:

<https://support.vsware.ie/en/guides-for-parents>

If you face any issues with logging in or remembering your username, please contact the school and we'll be happy to help you.

Uniform

Thank you all in your support regarding the school uniform. If anyone needs spare uniforms, please get in touch with the school.

School lotto

We had a successful launch to our School Lotto the first draw took place on the 14th December. We would love if parents could support us with this by signing up to buy one line a week for €2.50 or three lines for €5 through the following link:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/ramsgrangeecs>

Any community members that are signed up for this month (week of 25th January specifically) will be in the Bonus National Giveaway draw with prizes such as tickets to Taylor Swift or Bruce Springsteen!



The funds raised will be used to improve our facilities and your child's learning experiences through investing in exam furniture, upgrading the walking track and improving our school's technology. Please share this with family members and friends of our community.

New extension and heating upgrade

We are delighted to announce that the new school (€8million) extension has moved to the next phase 2B (planning permission phase).

We are also thrilled to be getting a €1.7 million summer works heating upgrade starting this summer.

New and updated policies

Please see our new **Administering of Medication** policy on the school website. If this policy is relevant to your child, please fill out the form at the end of the policy and return it to the school's office.

Our new homework policy is also available on the school's website.

Important upcoming dates

Today, 11 th January	2 nd Year PTM
24 th January	1 st Year PTM
25 th January	School Closed for JC Training for Teachers.
30 th January-9 th February	Mock Exams for 3 rd , 6 th and LCA 2
30 th January-9 th February	Assessment Week for 5 th Years
5 th February	Bank Holiday (school closed)

Best wishes,

Tracey Edwards

Principal