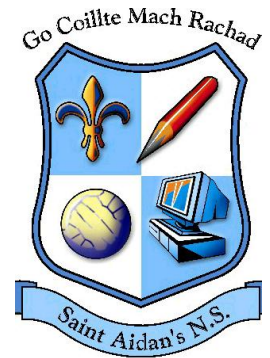


St. Aidan's N.S. - 2018/2019

March: Special Edition Newsletter



New TRAFFIC and SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS from Monday next, APRIL 1st

Reasons for Change

- A recent accident when a pupil lost his balance on the path and fell onto a moving car
- The pathway is deemed unsafe also as pupils continue to hop off it onto the road to pass out other pupils. There is always the danger of an accident involving a car.
- Ongoing complaints re movement of traffic on the avenue and parking on the roundabout and grounds

Approval for Change

- The **STAFF** strongly support the proposed **NEW SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS**
- The **PARENTS ASSOCIATION** have been briefed on the proposed changes and have requested the changes be tried using temporary measures before more permanent fittings/markings are installed i.e. railing/pathway/signs etc
- The **BOARD of MANAGEMENT** have approved the proposals and would also like to see it tried using temporary measures initially

The Changes are overleaf!

Please read carefully the proposed changes. If these plans are successful the mornings should run very smoothly. Parents will no longer need to get out of their cars to go into the school building. It is a little more difficult to plan for the end of day until we are up and running.

THE CHANGES

- **NO PARKING on the AVENUE at DROP OFF and COLLECTION times.** This will allow cars and buses to move more freely entering and leaving the school grounds
- **DROP and GO SYSTEM:** Any cars to come round the roundabout and drop pupils off onto **PATHWAY**. This is a proposed pathway that will take the pupils safely to the point of the **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**. STAFF will direct you.
- Only **STAFF CARS, SCHOOL BUSES** and **PARENTS/GUARDIANS of PUPILS with ADDITIONAL NEEDS** will have access beyond the proposed **PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**
- All **CLASSES** including **JUNIOR and SENIOR INFANTS** will have a marked area to line up. Parents of the Junior and Senior Infants will see the Infant teachers and SNA's outside lining up their classes. **Infant Parents will receive a text with further information**
- **Pupils from 2nd-6th Class** should continue to walk up and down the avenue. **Reminder: Use the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on the Main Road if crossing over to the opposite side**
- **More STAFF** will be involved in the **supervision of pupils from 8.50am**
- On **wet mornings** pupils from 1st to 6th will be lined up in the School Hall (as has been the case all this year). Junior and Senior Infants will go straight to their rooms on wet mornings.

We appreciate your co-operation with the changes and ask that you give these proposed changes a chance for the next 2 weeks up to Easter. At that point we will welcome feedback from the Parent Body regarding the changes.

There will be teething problems so please be patient. Thank you, Anne Cunnane