

Welcome to our



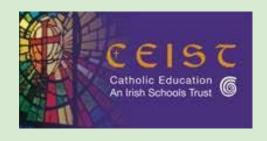
1st Year Parent/Guardian Information Evening 2025



PRINCIPAL - MS. GRAY

Welcome Parents!





1. Our Mission Statement



The core value of Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont is respect for all and the nurturing of individual potential, academically, spiritually and culturally as a member of the school and wider community and in the spirit of the Mercy Ethos.

1st Year Parents Evening 22nd May 2025

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2. Key Personnel

Principal	Ms. Maura Gray	2 2 2 2	
Deputy Principal (DP)	Ms. Ciara Howard	TOPE A ME	
Secretary	Ms. Linda Carragher	WOORK	
Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)	Ms. Oona O'Reilly	KKKK	
Guidance Counsellor	Ms. Eimear Kiernan		
Year Head	Ms. Hilary Taylor		
Tutors	TBC	TBC	
Prefects	TBC	TBC	

MS. TAYLOR YEARHEAD

1ST YEAR 2025



 Thursday 21st August will begin an incredible journey for your child.

 It is important that we all work together to ensure that your daughters achieves their full potential over the next 5/6 years in our care.

School day Timetable

8.20	School Opens	12.05	Period 4 starts	
8.45	1st Bell	13.05	Lunch starts	
8.50	Period 1 starts	13.40	1st Bell	
9.50	Period 2	13.50	Period 5 starts	
10.50	Break starts	14.50	Period 6 starts	
11.05	Period 3 starts	15.50	End of school day	

Our School Rules

The 3 R's

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn





Every School Day Matters

100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
0 days 8 days		17 days	25 days	34 days	42 days
absent absent		absent	absent	absent	absent
	48 classes	102 classes	150 classes	204 classes	252 classes
	missed	missed	missed	missed	missed
167 days of education	159 days of education	150 days of education	142 days of education	133 days of education	125 days of education

Please do not plan Holidays during term time

Schedule appointments outside school hours

GOOD Best chance of success WORRYING
Less chance of success,
makes it harder to make
progress in school

CONCERNING
Difficult to catch up or keep up

Transition from Primary to Secondary

Transitions Programme

The school runs a Transitions Programme with incoming first years. This programme is aimed at helping students settle into school and make friends. Activities in the programme are aimed at helping students:

- · Use their locker
- Follow their timetable
- · Learn their way around the school
- Become familiar with the rules and practices of the school
- Get to know their classmates
- · Get to know their teachers
- Learn how to access their school email account and use google classroom.

7. Role of the Tutor

- The Tutor is responsible for first call in student care/wellbeing
- Checking journal for correctly recorded homework
- Leading learning-discussing progress
- Helping to create positive relationships

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• The Tutor also meets their class group once a month for one period during the school day. This is an opportunity to address topical issues, facilitate academic planning, develop personal targets or any relevant topics for your daughter's class or year group.

8. Role of the Year Head

• Academic:



Pastoral Care:& Wellbeing





Discipline





9. Homework

- Firstly there is no such thing as no homework.
- Each night your daughter will complete study, oral and written homework.

Homework should generally be about reinforcing what students learned in class therefore it is very important that you discuss homework with your daughter each day.

Homework should take between 1.5 and 2 hours to complete each day.

- The school Homework journal is one of your child's most important books each day.
- They must have her journal at all times and she is required to write down her homework each day.
- It is so important that books and materials are organised accordingly.
- The homework journal is key to organising this.
- Excellent participation in class is essential each day.

 Writing homework and putting notes into the journal help both students and parents/guardians and staff.



10. Feeling Unwell



Feeling Unwell

- If your child feels sick while at school. She mus report first to myself and then I will send her to the secretary's office.
- Linda the secretary will call home and you must present to the office to collect your daughter and sign out.
- Please familiarise yourself with our new mobile phone policy.

Dastoral Care



Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

- Meeting with students on a one to one, setting targets, tutor meetings,
- Assembly meetings, contact with parents, providing a listening ear for students.
- Bonding Day and various other activities throughout the year- the well being week etc.
- We also have a Guidance Counsellor
 Ms. Kiernan and Care Team in the school.

Awards

- The school acknowledges the hard work, enthusiasm and achievements of its students in different ways across the school.
- We host an awards day in May where students are awarded in a range of different areas inside and outside the classroom. The overall awards for diligence and achievement are given to 3 students in each year group.

Extra-Curricular



- All students are encouraged to take part in various extra curricular activities in the school.
- We encourage and value all extra curricular activities.
- This helps further the holistic development of your daughter. Chamber Choir, sports, culture/friendship week, eco-committee, mini company, public speaking etc.
- Your child is encouraged to read as a hobby.

Code of Behaviour

- 11 12 1 10 2 9 87 Don't be LATE!
- Please make yourself familiar with the code of behaviour and all school policies on the school website.
- All students are encouraged to be respectful and well mannered.
- We have various procedures to be followed in relation to minor and major reports.
- Weekly detention on Fridays from 1.05pm to
 2.05pm and after school detention on
 Thursday for Lates.

Uniform

 Presentation is very important as the students ambassadors for our school.

 It is essential that names are put on everything from school books to uniform.

PE gear is to be worn on PE day only.

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of :

Grey College skirt or trousers Pink College blouse

Grey College jumper with crest

Grey College jacket

College scarf

Plain black shoes (no boots/runners/logos)

Grey knee length socks / tights

College tracksuit
Plain white polo-shirt
Runners (suitable for sports)

Items specific to our school are available from

Lynch's

130 Philipsburgh Avenue

Marino

Dublin 3

Phone: 8375225

Other items are available in department stores

Lockers

- Students are allowed to use the lockers only at designated times.
- Your daughter must keep her locker neat and tidy and bring home all her books that are required in relation to the completion of homework.



Tidy Locker Competition



Food Options

Food Options

Breakfast

Juice and snacks available for free from 8.30am

Lunch

Option 1: Selection of sandwiches, wraps, fruit, salads free of charge

Option 2: Food Village (paid service)

* Vending machine

*2 water fountains

Healthy Eating

Lunch Arrangements

All 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students stay on campus for lunch. Students eat their lunch in the concert hall and can then move outside for fresh air and exercise. Students are expected to leave all classrooms and other areas as they would expect to find them.

MS. HOWARD DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

- The school App
- Vsware
- Facilities
- Mobile phones in school
- Resources to help parents
- Vaping







THE SCHOOL APP

- Communicate in relations to school activities, closures, meetings etc.
- Absences
- Lates
- Notes if leaving school
- School News



VSWARE

- System used in school
- Record attendance
- Student exam reports
- Do not need until January- you will receive a text



FACILITIES IN SCHOOL

Computer Room

Class sets of Chromebooks

Computers in the Library

Ipads used in PE and Music



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

- Phones will not be allowed from 1st bell to last bell
- Medical use
- Urgent contact the school



BUYING YOUR CHILD A SMART PHONE

- Keep your child safe
- Be prepared
- Research parental controls
- There is help online use it
- Talk to other parents
- Set a good example





- Make a contract with your daughter
- Set boundaries and stick to them
- Example: No phones at the dinner table/breakfast
- Phone free evening once/twice a week
- Limit screen time
- Turn off wifi at a certain time
- No phones after 9.30pm







VAPING

- Vaping/smoking is a breech of the code of behaviour
- Association with someone who is vaping may result in a sanction
- Challenges?
- What we need to know?
- What can we do?



Who is vaping?

Girls and older children are more likely to report that they have used electronic cigarettes in the last 30 days. There is no significant difference across social class groups.



- Advertising/packaging- aimed at teenagers
- Flavours- appealing to teenagers
- Smell is sweet, difficult to detect
- Very popular at them moment
- Normalised- use indoors
- Thought to be safe
- Are e cigartettes safe? They are a commercial product not medical products
- There is evidence of recent emergence of Cannabinoids like HHC being used in vapes.



What are e-cigarettes and what is in them?









Ultrafine particles



Volatile organic compounds



Nicotine



Heavy metals such as Nickel, Tin and Lead









Flavouring such as Diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease



Cancer causing chemicals

- Early days in scientific research re cancer relationship and e cigarettes
- However they do contain concerning chemicals
- Nicotine Dependance
- Early evidence of harm to heart and circulatory system
- Early evidence of harm to lungs and exacerbation of lung problems like asthma
- Cancer causing chemicals identified





Resources





- https://www.webwise.ie/
- https://shona.ie/
- https://www.saferinternetday.org/
- Smart phones and sleep <u>- https://www.layahealthcare.ie/thrive/family/childrenandtheirsmartphones/</u>
- https://antibullyingcentre.ie/fuse/parent-hub/
 DCU
- Government Publication- "Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free"
- Family centre: Instagram, Snap chat, TikTok
- https://drugs.ie/ -





PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

- Parents and school work together
- Inform our students
- Dangers of vaping
- Responsible use of internet and smartphones
- Be consistent





MS. O'REILLY HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER



HSCL

Home School Community Liaison

DEIS

Delivering Equal Opportunity in School.



- 1. HSCL- full time and works in "Partnership"
- 2. School Completion- part time and works to "Retain"



HSCL Works in Partnership with;









At School



Care team

Attendance team

Year Heads



Initial contact - home visits to first year parents.

Communication through the school app and whatsapp.

Invitations to coffee mornings

Surveys - free classes for parents for leisure or education. Gather consensus from the parents





With Parents

Free Classes for parents Advocacy for parents and students. Meeting other Parents through coffee mornings

Supporting parents to support their child!

Support for parents at meetings in school.

Home visits to first year and all year groups.



In the Community



Primary Schools and Third level

Child and Family Services

Adult education Services

Voluntary Community Groups











