



Le Chéile Secondary School
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school. To ensure that students arrive back to school ready for the new school year we would ask that you go through the details of this letter with your child. The timeline for the opening days is included in the letter along with some important information to help make getting back into the routine of school as easy as possible.

School begins for **First Year Students on Friday 25th August**. Students will be in school from 10.00am - 11.30am for deployment of iPads. First Year students will be in school for **half days on Monday 28th August & Tuesday 29th August**. The students will be involved in a Welcome & Induction Programme and will only need a pen and a packed lunch during these first few days. The opening and closing times on these days are as follows:

School begins at 9am on Monday 28th August & Tuesday 29th August and closes at 1pm

From Wednesday 30th August school will end at normal time. (Details included at the end of this letter)

School begins for **Transition Year on Friday 25th August**. They will be in school as follows:
10.00am - 11.30am

School begins for **Third & Sixth on Monday 28th August**. They will be in school as follows:
Third Year & Sixth Year: 11.00am - 1.00pm

School begins for **Second & Fifth on Tuesday 29th August**. They will be in school as follows:
Second Year & Fifth Year: 11.30am - 1.00pm

This will give students an opportunity to meet with their tutors and receive their timetables & journals. **All students** will be back to school for a full day on **Wednesday 30th August**.

Maintaining the highest possible standards in term of uniform is very important to us - 'small things matter' and we would ask for your support with this. A reminder of the school uniform rules are outlined below.

- Students should come to school every day in full uniform. **Student must wear a school jacket to school – no other jacket is allowed.** The full school uniform for Junior Cycle students is a white long sleeved shirt, purple crested jumper, school trousers or skirt, school tie, **black socks** and **all black shoes**. Senior Cycle students wear a white long sleeve shirt with senior tie. The girls can wear a revere collar blouse, **if they choose to wear a collared shirt they must have a senior tie**, a black crested school jumper, school trousers or skirt, **black socks** and **all black shoes**. If your daughter decides to wear a white shirt rather than the revere blouse they **must** wear the senior tie. **All school uniform must be purchased from the Schoolwear House.**

- Student can wear small stud earrings and a watch. Student may not have any other facial piercings and no visible tattoos. **For health and safety reasons long acrylic nails are not allowed.** Hair should be a natural colour and hair accessories must be discreet and match the school uniform. No hair shaving designs are allowed.
- Students should wear their school uniform on PE days and will be able to use the changing rooms to change into the PE in uniform before their lesson. The school PE uniform must be worn for PE classes.
- A uniform hijab is available through the school office at a cost of €4. This is part of the school uniform. No other hijab is allowed.
- In line with our school Healthy Eating Policy students need to bring a healthy lunch to school and some water. Students may not leave the school grounds at any time during the school day including lunchtime.
- Students should bring their iPad, fully charged to school on Wednesday 30th August. Any student who has broken their link with wriggle over the summer will be charged a €10 reconnection fee. They will not be allowed to use their iPad in school until they are reconnected.
- All parents are issued with a VSware password. Please keep this password safe, should this password need to be re-issued a €1 admin charge will be made.
- The school does not request a voluntary contribution from parents. All students must pay an administration fee for attendance at Le Chéile Secondary School of €100 for one child, €150 for two children & €200 for three or more children. This will contribute towards the cost of the journal, student insurance cover, schoology, text messaging system to parents, parents evening booking system, photocopying, postage & printing of school reports, the co-curricular and extra curricular programme. Our new First Year parents paid this contribution when they accepted their place in November so no further payment is required.

A reminder of the school opening and closing times are outlined below. We have reduced the lunch-break by 5 minutes so please note the the school days will end 5 minutes earlier each day. Please ensure that your child arrives to school in good time each morning.

Day	School Begins	School Ends
Monday	9.05am	3.45pm
Tuesday - Thursday	8.35am	3.25pm
Friday	8.35am	1.05pm

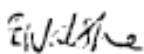
Finally, a reminder that we have now fully migrated our messaging service to the school app. We will no longer be sending messages via text. If you have not already done so please download the iClass app. Details of how to do this can be found in the latest news section of the school website.

Should you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With every good wish,



Ms. Leona Harrington
Principal



Ms. Eoin Walshe
Deputy Principal



Ms Emer Walsh
Deputy Principal