



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

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Roll No 20352T



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Dear parents of children in Rang Ruth,

Second Class is a key stage in children's eight-year primary school education. At this point our expectations of the children evolve from a very play based and semi-structured environment to a more independent work, focussed and task-based approach. Learning can still be fun but we want the children to listen carefully and apply themselves and strive to show their potential through their work.

The children in Rang Ruth are navigating this transition at present. Our key targets for the children in the class at the minute are centred around listening skills.

1. **We sit quietly:** It is important children respect the speaker and do not distract by walking around the room or making noise with stationery etc.
2. **We raise our hand to speak:** The learning environment can become loud and disorganised when many children are speaking at the same time. One voice works best. Children must raise their hand and wait their turn to speak. Understand not everyone will get to speak every time.
3. **We listen carefully to others:** Teacher or a class mate will only address the whole class when there is something important to share or an important direction to give. Children must do their best to listen and apply what they hear to their work. We like when other people listen to us, so we must do our best to listen to others.

We will be working hard with the class to embed these rules over the next few weeks. We ask parents to use the language above and encourage children to listen carefully at school and enjoy the benefits. From time to time I will visit the room for a motivational talk. Nobody is in trouble. I am just supporting the teacher to help the class make this transition to senior-end expectations.

Thank you for your support,

Ruth and Darragh