



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
Principal: Darragh Roe
Roll No 20352T



Newsletter September 2025 (part 2)

Hi everyone,

September is always a very busy month. Now that everyone has settled back into school life, here are a few important updates and policy reminders.

Ard Rí CNS Open Night
For children starting Primary School in September 2026
6:30pm Wednesday 1st October 2025

Everyone is welcome to come and have a look around our school. There will be lots of staff and plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you might have. There will be a quick presentation on the night. The presentation will be for adults only.

We know choosing a school is a huge event in the life of every family. We want your child to be the very best they can be just the same as you do. We look forward to welcoming you to the Ard Rí Community.

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Enrolment:

At Ard Rí Community NS we now have 381 pupils learning across 15 classrooms. If we have 384 pupils at the end of this month we will gain our 16th teacher. While some classes are full, we still have some school places available. If you know anyone looking for a school place, please ask them to give me a call without delay.

Enrolment will soon be open for Junior Infants September 2026. Complete this Expression of Interest Form to begin the Admissions Process for your child:

[Ard Rí CNS- September 2026 Expression of Interest Form](#)

Open Night:

We will have an Open Night for prospective pupils on Wednesday 1st of October at 6.30pm. Please make sure to share the news with friends and family (and on social media if you can!).

Children are welcome to attend. There will be a quick presentation on the night. The presentation will be for adults only. Thank you.



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Swimming:

Swimming lessons ran very smoothly last week. Please note:

- There's no need to send flip-flops.
- A medium-sized towel is best.
- Make sure your child's bag is big enough to hold all belongings while they're in the water — a supermarket "bag for life" is the perfect size.

Code of Behaviour ([click here to view the full policy](#)):

We are very proud of the excellent behaviour at Ard Rí CNS. Our simple school rules; *kind hands, kind feet, kind words*, help guide pupils in making good choices every day. Each class has its own contract, reward system and positive reinforcement works extremely well. The vast majority of our pupils consistently make thoughtful, kind and responsible decisions, contributing to the happy and safe learning environment we all value.

At times, to ensure this safe and respectful environment is maintained, we do need to apply our Code of Behaviour. To discourage negative choices, we use a clear staged approach:

- A quiet word
- A warning
- Visual reminders through a black card, yellow card, red card system

We explained this Code of Behaviour to pupils in 1st–6th Class during a school assembly today.

Strong home-school links are very important to us at Ard Rí CNS. If your child's behaviour is ever a concern, we will communicate with you directly. We encourage families to take behaviour seriously, continue setting high expectations at home and to model positive behaviour. Together we can support our pupils to thrive.



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Pupil Internet Safety, Acceptable Use Policy [\(click here to view the full policy\)](#):

At Ard Rí CNS, pupils are not permitted to bring personal or internet-enabled devices to school. This includes (but is not limited to) phones, smartphones, smart watches, devices with cameras or gaming functions, iPads, iPods, tablets, laptops, LeapFrogs, etc.

This rule is in place because, on a regular basis, teachers have had to manage issues such as:

- Children making or receiving calls during class
- Recording video or audio at school
- Devices being lost or stolen
- Pupils playing games on devices during the school day
- Videos recorded at school being posted on social media

We are aware of new types of “watch telephones” that can be placed in *school mode*. While we understand that parents may wish their child to have these devices to communicate outside of school hours, if we allow one child to use them, we must allow all children, which would undermine our policy. Therefore, we do not permit these devices at school.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, you can phone 087 134 1007 or email ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie, and we will ensure your message reaches them.



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Building Works:

This week, building work will begin on the installation of four new rooms at Ard Rí CNS, Balreask Old. We will be working very closely with the developer to ensure that all works are completed safely.

We ask all parents and pupils to be extra vigilant, follow signs and warnings, and take care when moving around the school grounds during this period.

Ard Rí CNS is a Nut Free School

ALLERGY AWARENESS

HOW WE CAN HELP OTHERS STAY HAPPY AND HEALTHY:

THE LUNCH BAG COMPANY CONSIDERS ALLERGIES AND CULTURAL PREFERENCES.

NO BIRTHDAY CAKES OR TREATS SHOULD BE SHARED WITH CLASSMATES.

KEEP OUR CLASSROOMS NUT FREE FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES.

NO SHARING LUNCHES WITH OTHER STUDENTS.

FOOD KEEPS US HEALTHY. IT ISN'T USED AS A REWARD.

Healthy Eating Policy

In an ETB school, care is about the welfare, well-being and safety of all members of the school community is part of the Ethos and Core Values. At Ard Rí CNS, we prioritize the welfare, well-being, and safety of all members of our school community. The serving of food can pose a risk of allergic reactions, and we follow the LMETB Safety, Health, and Welfare Policy to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health, and welfare of all staff and pupils at our school.