



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note 1

September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff, I am delighted to welcome our pupils back to school for the new academic year. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and pleasant summer. A very special welcome to all our new Junior Infants and to the 3 other pupils who have joined various classes—we look forward to seeing each of you thrive here at Loreto National School.

As we begin the year, I would like to remind you of a few important points (as outlined in our Code of Behaviour):

- **Uniforms & Tracksuits**

- School tracksuits to be worn by Junior and Senior Infants.
- School tracksuits should be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (Mr. O'Sullivan, Mrs. O'Brien & Mr. Looney's classes)
- Full school uniforms are required on all other days.

- **School Hours**

- Classes begin at 9.10am, with supervision available from 9.00am. For insurance reasons, children should not be on the school grounds before this time.
- School finishes at 2.50pm. If a child needs to remain later, please notify the office in advance. Pupils should be collected at the school gate unless other arrangements have been agreed.

- **Health & Safety**

- As we have children with severe nut and fish allergies, please ensure these are not included in school lunches.
- When collecting children, please be mindful of our neighbours and use designated parking spaces where possible.

- **Absences & Communication**

- All absences must be reported through the Aladdin app. Please note that absences of 20 days or more must be reported to TUSLA. Late arrivals or early departures can also be logged through the app.
- If you wish to meet with a class teacher, please arrange an appointment through the school office or via the Seesaw app which will be up and running shortly.
- Reminder to all new parents in our school to please sign up to the Aladdin app as soon as possible.

- **Lunches**

- We are delighted to continue offering hot lunches through The Lunch Bag service. Orders must be placed 48 hours in advance, and please remember to cancel if your child will be absent. If you wish to opt out of hot lunches, please email the school office.

School Bill 2026/2027

- 1 child – €60
- 2 children – €110
- 3 children – €150
- 4 children – €180

This school bill covers:

- Pupil Personal Accident Insurance (24-hour cover, compulsory)
- Art and Craft materials
- Photocopying
- Reading Eggs programme
- IT maintenance support

Payments can be made electronically (please reference your eldest child's name):

IBAN: IE17 AIBK 9361 1137 3972 09 | **BIC:** AIBKIE2D

Alternatively, payment by cash/cheque may be left in an envelope (with your child's name) in the post box at the main entrance.

For more information on Pupil Personal Accident cover, please see: www.allianz.ie

School Closure;

The school will be closed on Friday, September 11th to facilitate staff training on Child Protection.

After-School Activities

- **Homework Club** (2nd - 6th) – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 2.50pm–3.50pm (starting 14th September)
Contact: Edel Finn – homeworkclub@loretonskillarney.com
- **Irish Dancing** – Wednesday, Beginners 5–6pm; Intermediate/Advanced 6–7.30pm (from 2nd September)
Contact: Lisa Hegarty – 087 6403828
- **Art** – Thursday, 3–4pm (from 10th September)
Contact: Egle Saladziute – 086 3469771

Additionally, **Bluebells** provides early drop-off from 8.30am and after-school care until 5.00pm.

Contact: 087 1143327 | info@bluebellskillarney.ie

School Lotto; Loreto National School runs a School Lotto as an important fundraiser for our school ensuring up-to-date resources for pupils in our school. We would be very grateful if you would consider joining this fundraiser by visiting www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/loretonskillarney or our school website.

Swimming; Swimming for 5th & 6th Classes will commence on Tuesday, September 15th. Swimming for 3rd & 4th Class will commence on Thursday 17th September. More information to follow.

French Classes; Mrs. Miriam Long will begin French classes with 5th & 6th tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd. These will continue for a 10 week block.

We wish all pupils, parents, guardians, and staff a happy, safe, and successful year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,
Brian O'Sullivan
Principal