



# SCOIL NIOCLÁS NAOFA

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## Calendar School Year 2017-2018

| MONTH | DETAILS   |
|-------|---|
| June  | Closing for Summer holidays on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon |

## School Calendar 2018-2019

| MONTH        | DETAILS   |
|--------------|---|
| August       | School opening for pupils Thursday August 30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| September    |   |
| October      | Closing for Mid-term Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> – November 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                      |
| November     | Opening Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| December     | Closing for Christmas holidays Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>  |
| January 2019 | Opening Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| February     | Mid-term break: Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| March        | Closing Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)  |
| April        | Closing Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Re-opening Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April                         |
| May          | Closing Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)   |
| June         | Closing Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Bank Holiday)<br>Closing for Summer holidays on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> |

## Staffing 2018-2019:

There will be some changes to personnel and class allocation for the coming school year. Some teachers have yet to be appointed through formal interview process, therefore the information below regarding classes for 2018-2019 is the most up to date available.

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| <b>Junior Infants:</b> | <b>Eilis Slattery</b>   |
| <b>Senior Infants:</b> | <b>Deborah Watson</b>   |
| <b>First Class:</b>    | <b>Temporary teacher for the year to be appointed</b>   |
| <b>Second Class:</b>   | <b>Sandra Breathnach (Substitute to be appointed to complete her Maternity Leave)</b>               |
| <b>Third Class:</b>    | <b>Denise Slattery (Substitute to be appointed in early September to cover her Maternity Leave)</b> |
| <b>Fourth Class:</b>   | <b>Fergal O' Doherty</b>  |
| <b>Fifth Class:</b>    | <b>Eileen Hyland</b>  |
| <b>Sixth Class:</b>    | <b>Tracey Burke/Aoife Monaghan (Job Share)</b>  |

We welcome Mr. O' Doherty to our school as a member of the permanent teaching staff. We wish him every success and a long career with us.

On behalf of the Board of Management, pupils, parents and staff we would like to thank Miss O'Connell for her excellent work in our school. Her leadership on many projects was greatly appreciated and we wish her every success in her new position as Principal of Knockroon National School, Headford.

**Sixth Class 18/19: Job Share Meeting for Parents:**

A meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Room 7, where Miss Burke, Miss Monaghan and Mr. O'Mahony will outline how this job sharing arrangement will operate.

**Booklists:**

The Booklists for the coming school year are being prepared by the teachers and will be given to the children before the holidays. The booklists will also be available online at [www.dunmorens.com](http://www.dunmorens.com).

**Mass Servers:**

New teams have been organised and the new rota begins on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. All children have been given their rotas and on behalf of Fr. Feargal, I would like to thank all the children who have volunteered to help.

**Collecting Infants at 2 O' Clock:**

Because there are 30 Junior Infant children beginning school in September, we have decided to move both Infants classes to rooms 2 and 3 at the end of the corridor, beside the junior toilets for the coming school year. This will help the teachers to supervise the children more effectively.

Accordingly, we will need to streamline the picking up of children at 2pm. Therefore, the teachers will line up the children before 2pm and walk them down the corridor to the front door. Parents and bus drivers are asked to collect the children at the door at that point.

In the interests of safety and organisation, we ask that children be collected at 2pm. Miss Slattery in particular will have been in charge of 30 children all day, and it is unfair to leave children with her, standing in the corridor while she awaits their collection. Your co-operation in this would be most appreciated.

Those children who travel on the Bus Eireann buses at 3pm will be minded in the classroom by either Miss Watson or Miss Slattery. We thank both teachers for facilitating parents in this regard on a voluntary basis.

**Sports Week:**

Sports and Activity Week begins on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Sports Day will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The staff has compiled a rota of activities for each afternoon and for all day Thursday.

A list of the items needed for Sports Day and the times when activities are on has been provided to all pupils. **The full timetable of activities for Sports Day is on the Homepage of our website also.** The children can bring in treat foods and drinks to their own liking that day and all the infant children will remain in school until 3 pm on Thursday only, so that they can receive their medals and ice pops.

**Conclusion:**

We wish our Sixth Class all the best as they head in to Secondary school in September. I would like to thank all the children and their parents, all members of staff, and members of the Board of Management, for their hard work and dedication to our school.

May you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

**John O' Mahony**  
**Principal**