



Welcome Booklet



Scoil Naomh Áine

Primary School

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Celebrating Fifty Years in Education 1969-2019

Scoil Naomh Áine is a Catholic School, catering for pupils in Clondalkin Parish and its surrounds.

We cater for both boys and girls - girls from Junior Infants up to 6th Class and boys from Junior Infants to the end of 1st Class. When boys graduate from 1st Class they usually apply to St Joseph's NS which is on the same campus.

The Presentation Sisters used to be our Patron. We are still a Presentation school in spirit, even though our patronage has moved to the Catholic Church.

Presentation schools have a strong tradition of involvement in the Irish Education system. In our Mission Statement we aim to create a caring and supportive atmosphere for the whole school community. We follow in the tradition of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Education Schools, to foster respect for self and others and to be sensitive to individual needs, to secure a broad and balanced Curriculum and wide range of experiences and to work in partnership with parents to give each child the knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to make the most of future opportunities.

We welcome all children into our school, regardless of faith. We endeavour to assist any child who may have additional needs or requirements. To help us to support your child, it is important that we are informed of any special educational needs by parents/guardians, well in advance. This is so we can go about accessing any services that might be available, from the Department of Education & Skills or other agencies.



The School Day

We open our school gates at **8.40am** every morning. Parents say goodbye at the carpark entrance and the children walk into the school yard. The caretaker & principal teacher welcome the children in through the gates. Two staff members supervise the children in the yard. When the bell goes at **8.50am**, the children walk to their classrooms. Infants go home at **1.30pm**. 1st to 6th Classes go home at **2.30pm**. Parents collect their children from the school yard or at the carpark entrance, depending on their class.



Communication

Scoil Naomh Áine uses the Aladdin administration application for communicating with the school community. The app can be downloaded onto a mobile phone. The Aladdin app can be used by parents to report children's absences (Attendance tab). Parents can also send notes to teachers via the app. The Aladdin app stores school reports also, for perusal by parents at their convenience. This cloud storage is password protected. When a parent registers their child, they receive details about how to download the app and create a password.



School Books

The school receives a grant from the Department of Education, which is a great saving for parents. This grant covers books, stationery, etc but NOT items such as licences or photocopying. In the senior classes, we utilise the Accelerated Reader programme which has had very positive results. Class teachers organise initiatives such as Power Hour, Mata sa Rang and station teaching during the year. Book lists can be found on the website, www.scoilaine.ie.



Updating telephone numbers/addresses

Please send in any change in address or telephone numbers immediately to the office in case we need to contact you if your child feels unwell or if there should be an emergency.



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Child Protection

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Protection is Marie Beattie.

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) for Child protection is Karen McKeivitt. The school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment are available on www.scoilaine.ie. They are also on display in the admin corridor and in every classroom.

Attendance

Under the Education Act children are required to be in school every day the school is open. ***If a child is sick, or unable to attend school for another reason, parents should use the Attendance tab on their Aladdin app to explain the absence.*** Parents of children who miss twenty days are automatically contacted to alert them to this.

If, for a valid reason, a parent needs to take their child home before the official closing time (1.30pm for Infants or 2.30pm for 1st to 6th), they must use the Aladdin app to let the teacher know. We do not encourage children to be taken out of class unnecessarily as this disrupts his/her learning. Pupils from secondary schools may not collect siblings from the younger classes.



School Uniform

Full uniform is worn on ordinary school days.

Tracksuit and runners are worn on P.E. days.

The children in Infants and First Class are welcome to wear a school tracksuit every day.

The items of uniform with the school crest, jumper & PE top, should be bought from the clothier, School Warehouse. Items that are plain, shirt, polo shirt, blouse, trousers, PE bottoms can be bought in many shops, such as Dunnes Stores and Marks & Spencers.



Homework

Homework is set by teachers, depending on children's needs and abilities.



Mobile Phones

We understand that parents are anxious that their children be safe on the way to and from school. However, children must not use mobile phones whilst at school. We are happy to contact parents on a child's behalf.



Healthy Lunches

We recommend items such as sandwiches, fruit, yogurt and water. Parents are asked to provide their child with a re-useable lunch box and a re-useable beaker or bottle. Left over lunch is brought home in the lunch box so parents can see what's not been eaten. Please avoid sending in plastic wrappers.

The school is awarded a number of free lunches every year, for families who might be in need of support. We receive fruit & milk every day for children who might need them.



Sacraments

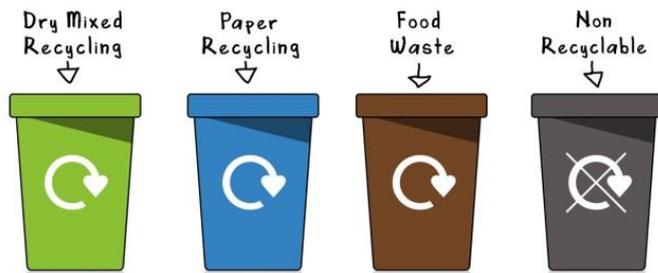
First Holy Communion is received in 2nd Class

Confirmation is received in 6th Class

The Parish Sacramental team assists parents with the preparation of their children for receiving the Sacraments. The school teaches the supporting Religious Education programme.

Scoil Naomh Áine School Masses are celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception & St Killian, Clondalkin, to which parents are invited. As parents have chosen to enrol their child in a Catholic Presentation school we emphasise the importance of prayer in the daily life of the child at home as well as in school. The religious programme we follow is called *Grow in Love*. From time to time, we will contact parents to inform you of what we are studying e.g. Lent, Advent.

Parents, who prefer that their children not take part in Religion lessons, or attend Mass, are welcome to let us know in advance. Arrangements will be made for the children to either come together in a classroom, supervised by a teacher, or engage in activities such as art or project work whilst their friends take part in the RE lesson.



Waste Recycling

Scoil Naomh Áine operates a recycling system and pupils are very much involved in this. We are a Green Flag School and proud of it. The children take great pride in keeping their school, classrooms and the grounds tidy and litter free. Children are required to bring a lunch box and take home unwanted lunch leftovers. Fruit waste, such as banana peels, is recycled in our special composting bins.



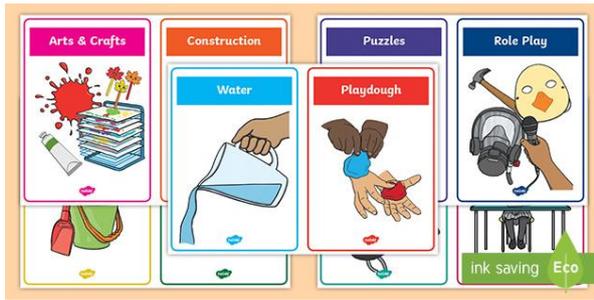
Field, Garden & School Yard

We are very lucky to have a large playing field next to the Senior School. Children sow flowers and other plants in beds around the school. On the school yard, we have a soft surface, a climbing wall and a climbing frame.

Children from Junior Infants to Second Class go out to play at 10.20am and at 12.10pm.

Children in Third to Sixth Class go out to play at 10.45am and 12.35pm.

Each break is twenty minutes.



Aistear Play Area

Aistear ("Ashter") is a pedagogy that encourages learning through structured play. We have a sheltered dedicated space for Aistear that includes wet play, sensory walls and various toys.



Learning Knows No Bounds

Special Needs

We are very proud to have a special class, meeting the needs of children who have a primary diagnosis of Autism. The enrolment policy, which can be viewed on www.scoilaine.ie, specifies the criteria for enrolment in our special class.



Self-Regulation

It is human nature to become stressed or upset. Here in Scoil Naomh Áine, we implement the Zones of Regulation programme. We encourage the children to identify and regulate their emotions. A simple summary might be, **Green = Calm**, **Yellow = A Little Anxious**, **Blue = Sad**, **Red = Angry**. A child is never expected to spend the day in class. They might go for a walk on the grounds, go to the climbing wall or visit the sensory pod.

After School Activities



Teachers run GAA football and camogie clubs for older children.



Creative Keyboards teach piano lessons after school every Tuesday.



Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing runs dancing lessons.



Teachers run an after school club where children can have a snack and complete homework. **This club is targeted at specific children and is run using funding from the School Completion Project.**



The above list is not exhaustive. Different classes and projects can run through the year and information is shared via the Aladdin app.

We hope that you have found this booklet to be useful.

Here are some other ways in which you can get in touch with us:



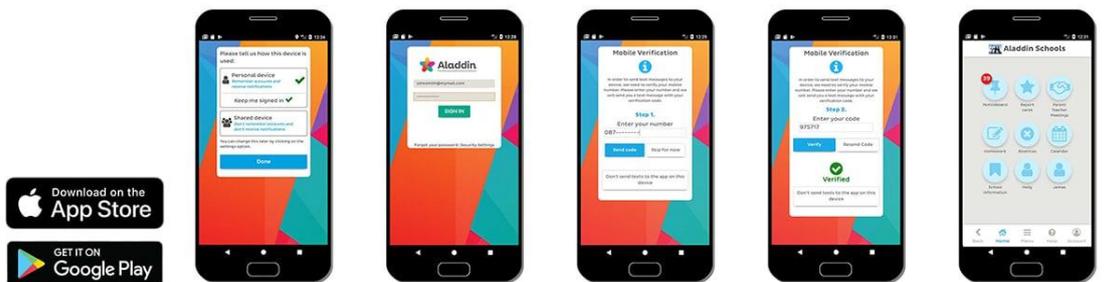
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6 Steps to Set Up your Aladdin App



- 01 Download**
Download the app to your phone using the App Store for Apple devices or the Google Play store for Android devices.
- 02 Device Settings**
After opening the app you'll be asked to select a device option. If you are the sole user of the device select the first option. If anyone besides you has the ability to use the device select the second.
- 03 Sign In**
The next step is signing in to your account. You should have your username and password from the registration process you went through when your school activated the parent portal.
- 04 Mobile Verification**
After signing in you'll be brought to the Mobile Verification process. If you would like to receive text messages via the app to this device follow the steps outlined. If you don't wish to receive text messages choose the 'Don't send' option at the bottom.
- 05 Enter Code**
You should receive a text message with a 6 digit code after entering your mobile number. Enter the code here and click 'Verify'. Wait for the green tick to confirm your mobile number has been verified.
- 06 Setup Complete**
Once verified you will be directed to your account homepage. From here you can navigate to all the different sections of your account. We hope you enjoy using the Aladdin app!