

**S.N. CNOC NA MANACH
MINANE BRIDGE
CO. CORK**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been back at school now for just over a month and everyone has settled in well and is working very hard. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their co-operation in returning empty *Communication Folders* on Tuesdays so promptly and also for forwarding monies requested in respect of **Photocopying/Art Materials (€20 p/child or €30 p/family)**, **Recorder Lessons (€10.00)** and **Recorder Instrument (€8)**. We are pleased to note that many parents/guardians availed of our *ePayment* facility in respect of payment for Photocopying and Recorder Lessons and we hope this proved to be useful and convenient. We also thank everyone who has forwarded the relevant payment for **Book Rental**. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you could forward any money outstanding *as soon as possible*. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated as it avoids an inordinate amount of class teacher's time being spent following up such matters.

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIFIC PUPIL REQUIREMENTS - BOM GUIDELINES

The Board of Management wishes to advise parents of the following guidelines regarding *Food Allergies / Specific Pupil Requirements*:

- Parents are requested to inform the Board, through the principal, of any allergies or any Specific Requirements of their child.
- The Board will then inform all staff and parents of a food allergy within the school.
- Without identifying any individual pupils, the teachers will make their pupils aware of food allergies.

We have a pupil at S.N. Cnoc Na Manach who has an **allergy to all nuts** in particular, **peanuts, hazelnuts & almonds**. The Board hopes to provide a safe environment for everyone and invites parents, staff, pupils and school visitors for their co-operation. Because the consequences of a child having an allergic reaction can be serious, the Board assumes that the whole school community will assist in making the school as safe as is reasonably possible for each child.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We wish to advise parents/guardians that the school has taken out a *Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Policy with Allianz*. This includes 24 hour cover, 365 days a year for school activities, social, domestic and leisure activities (including school holidays). The Accident & Emergency service of any Hospital may be used under this scheme. We have been advised that, as from 1st September 2017, the *VHI Swiftcare Clinic will deal only with their own clients*. Further details are available from www.allianz.ie/schools. We would like to thank the **Parents' Association** who have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of this insurance policy thus making it possible to extend our cover from ***School Activities Only*** to ***24 Hour, 365 Days a Year***.

ROAD SAFETY

As part of the S.P.H.E. programme, the school will cover the topic of Road Safety with all classes during the month of October. The main themes covered will be walking, cycling and transport. The Road Safety Authority website (www.rsa.ie), features many resources including an information leaflet entitled, 'Going to School', which may assist you in further exploring this topic with your child.

RECORDER CLASSES (FIRST – SIXTH CLASSES)

Recorder classes will commence tomorrow 3rd October for 1st to 6th classes. Please ensure your child brings his/her recorder to school each Tuesday and that the recorder is labelled with your child's name.

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SCIATH NA SCOL GIRLS' & BOYS' FOOTBALL MATCHES

Minane Bridge Boys and Girls recently competed in Sciath na Scol Football Matches against Coachford and Bartlemy. The next matches are against Ballincurrig, tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd October, at 12.30pm in Tracton GAA Pitch. Our teams would welcome your support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Tracton First Holy Communion Ceremony will be held on **Saturday 19th May, 2018** at **11.00am** in **St. Patrick's Church, Nohoval**. As previously advised, parents/guardians of First Holy Communion children have been invited by Canon Murphy to attend a meeting this evening **Monday 2nd October** at **7pm** in **Rennies N.S.**

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association would like to thank those who attended its AGM on Tuesday 19th September. We wish to remind everyone that the **Clothes Collection** will continue to take place at the school gates between 1.45pm and 3.15pm on Friday 6th October

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
School Principal