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# WELCOME.

We welcome you and your child to Presentation Primary School. Our aim is to provide an excellent academic education through our dedicated and caring staff. We hope that your child will be happy here. We look forward to working with you and seeing your child reach his or her full potential.

## **Our Mission Statement.**

Warrenmount is an Inner City Presentation Catholic School which has served the community since 1892.

We endeavour to provide, in a secure and caring environment, an education which will develop each child to his/her full potential by;

- Fostering Self Esteem.
- Setting realistic and challenging goals.
- Providing a wide and varied curriculum.
- Encouraging Self Discipline.
- Promoting respect for self, diversity of others and the environment.
- The school community endeavours to work in partnership and harmony for the good of all it's members—pupils, staff, parents and Board of Management.

## *History and Foundations.*

*Warrenmount was originally the home of Nathaniel Warren, who became High Sheriff of Dublin in the 18th Century.*

*The 19th Century saw it as a Carmelite Monastery after the Carmelites Sisters acquired it in 1813. The Carmelites remained until 1889 when they asked the Pope for permission to return to full contemplative life.*

*On Friday, 6th May 1892 seven sisters from Presentation Convent Clondalkin came to Warrenmount to found the sixth Presentation Convent in the diocese. The Sisters have served the area ever since.*

## ***School Facilities.***

### **Library**

The library is a bright, welcoming room with over 5,000 books to cater for all ages and interests. Classes from 2nd to 6th borrow books on a weekly basis. Junior Infants to 1st Class enjoy story telling sessions there and learn to love books.

### **Computer Room**

The school offers an up to date multimedia computer room. Children from senior infants to sixth class attend computer classes every week. Children from 3rd to 6th class use the internet on a regular basis under the supervision of teachers. We also have laptops for children to use on a regular basis in the classroom.

### **Art Room**

The large Art Room provides a space for children to draw, paint, print, create collages and take part in the various aspects of the Visual Arts Programme in the Primary Curriculum.

### **Aistear Room**

Learning through play is an important part of the infant programme. Teachers follow the Department of Education *Aistear Curriculum* to develop language and literacy skills. We have a lovely *Aistear* play room which is fully resourced with the toys and equipment required for this programme. The children love it!

### **Early Start**

The Early Start Programme is for boys and girls aged 3 years or over, by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they enrol. Children engage with the *Aistear Curriculum* in Early Start and develop oral language, pre-reading and pre-writing skills to prepare them for Junior Infants.

### **P.E. Hall**

The physical development of the children is very important in our school. The hall is used by all classes for their P.E. lessons. We also use the hall for a variety of performances to which parents & guardians are invited.

### **Home School Community Liaison**

We recognise how important it is to have parents involved in the school. All our teachers are committed to this. We have a Home/School Liaison Teacher to advise and support our parents.

## **School Day and Assembly.**

**The school day begins at 9.00am. Junior Infants, Senior Infants & 1st Class line up in the front yard. When the bell rings they are brought into class by the teacher. Second to Sixth classes go directly to the hall at 9.00am. for assembly. There are two breaks during the day. School finishes either at 1.40pm or 2.40pm (See below for details.)**

### **Safety Note.**

Please note that parents are responsible for their children in the yard until the school bell rings at 9.00am. In the interest of safety, good behaviour is expected from the children at all times in the yard.

### **Junior Infants & 1st Class have special school times for September.**

Information regarding these times will be provided at the start of term and at parent meetings.

### **Official School Times.**

Junior Infants & Senior Infants	9.00am—1.40pm
1st Class to 6th Class	9.00am—2.40pm

There are two lunch breaks which include play time in the yard.

### **School Uniform.**

Wearing the school uniform and P.E. uniform promotes a sense of identity and unity among the children.

### **The uniform should be worn at all times.**

**Royal blue v-neck sweater**

**White shirt/blouse**

**Royal blue tie**

**Navy blue -Trousers/Pinafore/Pleated skirt**

**White socks or Navy blue tights**

**Black shoes**

### **P.E. Uniform.**

**White or blue polo shirt.**

**School tracksuit.**

**Runners.**

### **Summer Uniform.**

**White polo shirt to replace shirt & tie.**

**Sandals—dark coloured & low heeled.**

## **SCHOOL BOOKS.**

Each child will get a book list in June. There is a book rental scheme in operation in the school. Some books need to be bought, others may be rented in school. This reduces the cost of books for parents. Some items have to be paid for in school such as photocopying, art/craft materials and book rental etc.

## **School Lunches.**

Our healthy School Lunches Programme is funded by the Department of Social & Family Affairs and provided by Glanmore Foods.

Please check our website for a sample menu or log into [www.glanmorefoods.ie](http://www.glanmorefoods.ie) to view the menu and get more information.

**Morning Break 10.30: Snack/drink & playtime in the school yard.**

**Lunch Break 12.25: Lunch & playtime in the school yard.**

## **NOT PERMITTED.**

Crisps, popcorn, fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets are not permitted.

**Chewing Gum is not allowed in school or on the grounds**

## **School Completion Programme.**

### **Swimming.**

Swimming lessons are offered free of charge, after school, to the pupils of 4th Class each year.

### **Athletics Club.**

**3rd to 6th Class pupils can avail of free, after school, athletics training.**

**Check our website for other activities in and outside of school hours.**

**Activities in school time, such as basketball, soccer, dance, games, football, and tennis are also funded by the S.C.P. to promote healthy lifestyles.**

## **Creativity in the Classroom.**

Warrenmount primary school is part of the “Creativity –in-the Classroom” art project which is now in it’s 21<sup>st</sup> year. This programme provides the school with visiting artists who bring their unique skills and talents to enhance our pupil’s creative abilities.

## Parent Teacher Meetings.

Each year we arrange parent-teacher meetings, which give you a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss his/her progress.

Only short messages can be given to the teacher in the morning. We would appreciate if you would make an appointment if you have something you wish to discuss with the class teacher or the Principal. This can be done by phoning the secretary or writing a note in your child's homework journal. This will give the teacher an opportunity to have her class supervised so she can give you her full attention to discuss the matter in a private and confidential way.

## Child Welfare Act 2000.

If your child is absent from school, parents must give a written note to the class teacher explaining the reason for the absence.

For longer absences due to illness parents should provide a certificate from the Doctor. The school is obliged to account for all absences under the new legislation and report to Tusla, The Child and Family Agency, any child who misses 20 days of school.

If a child needs to leave school during school hours, a written note must be given to the class teacher and the child must be collected from the class by an authorised adult. If your child has to be sent home from school due to illness they must be collected by an adult and signed out at the school office.

## Parental Involvement—Parent Association.

Children love to see their parents involved in the school and it is a great way to get to know other parents and the teachers.

Warrenmount has:

A Home/School Liaison Teacher.

A Parent's Association.

Two parent representatives on our Board of Management.

## **Code of Behaviour.**

- Good behaviour is expected at all times.
- Corridors, toilets & cloakrooms are quiet areas during school hours and running is not allowed on corridors or stairs.
- Teachers will show consistency, firmness and fairness in relation to discipline.
- Polite behaviour and good manners will be expected of each child towards staff, fellow pupils and all visitors.
- Name calling, bullying, fighting, kicking, spitting, biting, teasing and any form of anti-social language is unacceptable.
- Defiance, cheek and insolence are unacceptable.

**All incidents of misbehaviour will be recorded and sanctions imposed.**

### **What Happens if Your Child Misbehaves?**

- 1. Incidences of misbehaviour which are not serious are normally dealt with by class teacher.**
- 2. The teacher is authorised to:**
- 3. Verbally reprimand the pupil.**
- 4. Isolate a disruptive child in the classroom to “time out area” in order to allow other children to progress with their work.**
- 5. Move, with the Principal’s knowledge, a disruptive pupil temporarily from one classroom to another.**
- 6. Send a pupil to the Principal.**
- 7. Notify the child’s parents of the misbehaviour by letter or a note in the pupil’s homework journal or a telephone call.**
- 8. Ask parents to come to the school to discuss the problem.**
- 9. Please note: A pupil may be suspended or expelled from school if they or their actions represent a hazard to the health and safety of pupils or staff in the school community.**
- 10. We have a strict policy on bullying. All incidents are investigated thoroughly and responded to appropriately.**

## **School Security.**

### **School Access.**

**In the interest of the safety of our children, cars should not be parked in the vicinity of the school gates. The children enter through the pedestrian gateway and this area should be kept clear.**

**The Convent and Secondary School are private grounds and should only be entered when calling to these buildings. There is no access permitted through the security gates between the Convent and the Primary School. Parents should use the main school gates to enter and leave the school.**

### **Access during School Hours.**

**The teacher's entrance is on the right-hand side of the school building. This entrance should be used during school hours. Please ring the bell and the door will be opened for you. The school is monitored by a 24 hour camera security system.**

### **Fire Safety.**

**Buggies are not permitted on the corridors in the main school at any time as they are considered a fire hazard by the Fire Inspector and an accident risk. Buggies may be left in the yard at your own risk.**

### **Safety Reminder.**

**We would like to remind you again that children are not under the care of the teacher s until the bell rings at 9.00am. Parents need to supervise their children in the yard before 9.00pm to ensure safety and good behaviour.**