



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy start of term, but we have enjoyed welcoming our pupils back to school.

We would like to especially acknowledge our new pupils and how well they have settled into their new school environment.

We look forward to all the Halloween celebrations ahead before mid-term. I would like to also acknowledge all the work done by our school team for the re-opening of our school and for their ongoing dedication.

On behalf of our whole school team and pupils I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder of the contact details for the office

Phone: 01 912 1250

Nurse: 01 912 1252

Email: info@straphaelsschool.ie

BÍ CINEÁLTA

The Board of Management have adopted the new Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) Policy.

These procedures aim to support schools to prevent and address bullying.

The policy is now published on our website and you can view the student friendly version of the policy attached to this newsletter.

<https://www.straphaelsschool.ie/school-policies>

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will close for mid-term on

MON 27TH - FRI 31ST OCT

The school will also close on the below date to facilitate staff training on the updated Child Protection Procedures for Schools.

FRI 14TH NOV

SCHOOL RULES

We would like for all parents and guardians to remind pupils of the School Rules that are attached to this newsletter. We would encourage you to follow these rules at home too.



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COMMUNICATION

Parents are encouraged to use the school diary daily. It is important to keep class staff updated with information on your child. School staff will also use the diary for daily communication about your child's day in school.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have been asked to share details of a new Facebook group with you. This private group has been created for parents of pupils currently attending the school. This group is space where you can connect with, and get to know, other families within the school community.

St Raphael's School Parents 2025

The school's Facebook page is
Stars of St. Raphael's Special School

and on Instagram
[straphaelsschoolcelbridge](#)

TEACHER TRAINING

As per directive from the Department, there will be two closures to allow for teacher training in the Maths curriculum and the new Senior Cycle.

The dates for these training days are to be confirmed.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

We emailed all families during the week about a HSE information evening for school leavers.

This information evening is aimed at those leaving school in 2026, 2027 and 2028 to inform them of Day Service opportunities after school.

The event will be on Wednesday 15th October, 5:30pm to 7:30 pm in Naas Community College.

Interested pupils and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

IEP MEETINGS

Parents are requested to please complete and return the Parental IEP questionnaire by Tuesday 7th October. IEP dates and times are to be provided to parents next week. We appreciate parental cooperation in attending at the time provided for your child's IEP meeting.



SCHOOL RULES



KIND EYES



KIND EARS



KIND HANDS



KIND FEET



KIND WORDS



KIND HEARTS

Bí Cineálta!



We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.

We use Kind Hands 

We use Kind Feet 

We use Kind Words 

We use Kind Hearts 

We use Kind Ears 

We use Kind Eyes 

Get Help!

Tell Someone!

If a student tells a staff member that they think they are being bullied, we will:

- > talk with the student
- > ask the student what they want to happen
- > work out a plan together
- > talk to their parents
- > talk to the other student(s) involved
- > talk with the other student's parents

Our School has a Bí Cineálta policy to try to stop bullying behaviour.

Bullying behaviour is when someone keeps being mean or hurtful to others on purpose over and over again.

When it happens a lot.
Not just once.

Please tell someone if you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied.

Our school has a Bí Cineálta policy to try to stop bullying behaviour.

We look at this policy every year to see what is working well or what could work better.

We will ask you what you think.





ST RAPHAEL'S
SPECIAL SCHOOL



PLEASE COMPLETE ANY GOALS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FACTORED IN WHEN DRAWING UP YOUR CHILDS INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PLAN. THANK YOU

COMMUNICATION/LANGUAGE:

PERSONAL CARE:

FUNCTIONAL LIVING SKILLS:

SOCIAL SKILLS:

ANY OTHER GOALS:

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CLASS TEACHER AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR