



### **Reenascreena N.S.**

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### **School routines**

Classes commence at 9:15am for everyone. We offer supervision from 9:05am. While staff members are present before this time, we use this time to meet, plan and prepare for the day ahead. You will know we are ready to receive children when a member of staff comes out to open the gate. We respectfully ask you not to send your child(ren) in until someone is there to greet them.

Our first break of the day is from 10:50 - 11am and our second break is from 1 - 1:20pm. Children go to the yard at these times (weather permitting) and eat in their classroom before or after yard time.

We have 2 mainstream classrooms. The Junior room comprises of Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes while 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes make up the Senior room. Multigrade teaching is common in rural communities all over the world and has many advantages – it promotes independence among pupils and offers incidental opportunities for revision as well giving pupils the chance to hear what learning lies ahead for them. It also allows pupils to collaborate and learn from each other.

At present, Eimear O'Donovan (Principal) teaches the younger pupils and the older children are taught by Colm O'Mahony (Deputy Principal). Niamh Russell is our Special Education Teacher and is shared with Lisavaird NS. Eimear has a Principal Release day each Thursday in order to attend to some administrative matters and the class are taught by Niamh on that day.

Junior and Senior Infants finish their day at 1:55pm. Prompt collection is appreciated at this time as the class teacher needs to return to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class as quickly as possible. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> finish at 2:55pm. We follow the same routine at the end of every day – we always wait until the school bus has pulled away safely before allowing the remaining children to leave. We ask you to make your way to the gate once the bus has left to avoid children crossing in front of or walking behind moving vehicles.

Boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes wear a navy jumper, grey pants or pinafore and a sky blue shirt or polo shirt on 3 days each week. These can be purchased in any large department store or in Cash's shop in Clonakilty. On the other 2 days (Thursdays and Fridays at present) pupils wear navy tracksuit bottoms, a pale blue polo shirt and plain navy jumper (available in Dunnes). Junior and Senior Infants wear the tracksuit option every day.

We use email as our primary method of communication to save on printing and photocopying costs, although it is necessary to send the odd letter in hard-copy format. Please add our email addresses which you can find by clicking [here](#) to your contact list so our messages don't go to your spam / trash folder. We also use what's app on our school mobile as we don't have mobile reception at school. From time to time we use 'text-a-parent' which is a web based programme. If you download the free app (it is a series of pink dots on a white background) you will receive a push notification rather than an SMS which is very handy if you have poor mobile coverage at home.

We use an online platform called 'Seesaw' which has a number of key benefits – it is another way for us to stay in touch with you but it also acts as an e-portfolio where pupils can save pictures of work they are proud of. They can look back on their work as they move through the classes and see their own progress for themselves! Parents receive a unique code for their child's profile only and can keep up to date with work being covered. Teachers may occasionally assign homework through Seesaw or share an interesting video or activity with pupils in this way.

**Ní neart go cur le chéile**

*There's no strength without unity*