

FAQs for First Year Parents

Where do I get the school uniform?

The school uniform is available from Barnett's, Main Street, Schull.

The school uniform consists of:

- Maroon round-neck sweatshirt with crest inset
- Light grey or maroon polo shirt with crest inset
- The college charcoal grey skirt or the college charcoal grey trousers
- Plain black tights or dark socks
- Black shoes only.
- An optional school jacket is also available.
- Clean, suitable clothing and non-marking soled shoes are essential for participation in PE classes.
- All items of school clothing should be labelled.

What shoes are acceptable?

- Student must wear shoes which are **fully black**.
- Runners are acceptable but they must be completely black, this includes soles and laces.
- Runners which are non-slip and fully support the student's ankle and foot must be worn for PE.
- Flat sole shoes and casual trainers are not acceptable for PE.

When does school start?

School starts on Monday 31st August 2020. This is subject to public health advice and we will confirm this in early August. It will be a half day finishing at 13.15. The school day will also finish at 13.15 on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. Thursday 3rd September will be the first full day finishing at 15.55. Buses will be scheduled to coincide with school opening and closing times.

What time does the school day start and finish?

The school day starts at 9.00 and finishes at 15.55. On Wednesdays school finishes at 13.15.

Are students allowed to leave school during lunch?

Students are not allowed to leave school during the day.

Are there canteen facilities in the school?

There are canteen facilities in school.

The school operates a healthy eating policy and discourages students from bringing unhealthy food, sweets etc. to school.

What time is lunch?

Small break	11.00-11.15
Lunch	13.15-13.55

Do I need to get school books?

The school operates a book rental scheme for Junior Cycle. Books will be given to students when they come to school. The cost of the book is as follows:

- 1st child in Junior Cycle - €120 per annum
- 2nd child in Junior Cycle €80 per annum
- 3rd child in Junior Cycle €60 per annum

The fee also covers: the use of a locker, a student journal, insurance and photocopying.

We do not operate a book scheme at senior cycle.

How do I pay for the books?

For safety, security and accountability, we are a cashless school. CorkETB and Schull Community College use the services of Way2pay (www.way2pay.org) which is a safe, online electronic payments portal. In a few quick and easy steps, payments can be made electronically with immediate receipting.

We will ask you to log on to Way2Pay in late August to pay for your child's books. We will remind you to do this via text.

What stationery do students need?

See list enclosed.

What subject will students study?

Students will study the core subjects: English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science, SPHE, CSPE and wellbeing.

We run a taster programme in 1st year and so students will do all of the following subjects: French, German, Business Studies, Visual Art, Music, Home Economics, Wood Technology, Engineering, Graphics.

At the end of 1st year, students will choose 1 language and 2 optional subjects to study alongside their core subjects.

Can students bring their phones to school?

Students are not allowed to use their phones in school unless directed to do so by the teacher for educational purposes. Phones must be switched off at all times (including break times) and out of sight or they will be confiscated.

Is there a bus to school?

The school does not deal with any queries about school transport.

Any queries should be made directly to the Bus Éireann School Transport Office on 021 4557137 / 021 4557129

Will students get a locker?

Yes. Students will be provided with their own locker.

Students should bring their own padlock to school.

When will students get their timetable?

Students will be given their timetable on the first day of school.

Will students get a journal?

Yes. Students will be given a journal on the first day.

What class will my child be in?

There are 3 first year classes.

Students will be assigned classes on the first day.

Will my child be in the same class as their friend / other students from their primary school?

Students are randomly assigned class groups.

If you have any specific requests, you should contact the school. We cannot guarantee that we can accommodate all requests but we will do our best.