

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 and school fleece are 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 the school year start?

School starts on Tuesday 30th August with an induction morning for 1st years. It will be a half day finishing at 13.15. 1st Year students will then begin school on Friday the 2nd of September continue on as normal following the school calendar. Buses will be scheduled to coincide with school opening and closing times.

What happens on the Induction Day?

Students should attend in uniform and only need to bring a pencil case, their device and snack for break time. They will meet their tutor and year head who will help them to settle in and explain how our school works. They will receive their journal, their locker and their books. They will also get a tour of the school and get a chance to get to know the other students in their year.

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 normal 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.

As the parents of 1st year students must pay for a device, we offer a reduced price of €50 for the book scheme in 1st year only. You will be sent details by the school in September explaining how you can pay for this.

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 the list on our website

What subject will students study?

Students will study the core subjects: English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science, SPHE, CSPE, PE 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 2 optional subjects to study alongside their core subjects. They will choose between French and German at Christmas time in 1st year.

Can students bring their phones to school?

Students may bring their phone to school but they are not allowed to use their phones in school unless directed to do so by the teacher for educational purposes. Phones must be switches 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.

Do students have devices?

All 1st year students must purchase a Lenovo 300e from the online Wriggle Store.

You can log on to the wriggle store by going to: www.wriggle.ie/onlinestorelogin and entering our store code which is: 62308968

The store closes on the 7th of June 2022 and devices must be purchased before this date.

The device will cost €459 and parents will also need to pay for the following:

- A protective case (€50)

- Service and Support from Wriggle to set up device with apps and restriction and to provide service and support for 3 years (€120)
- Delivery €6

It is strongly advised that parents also purchase insurance which can be done online at the time of purchase or parents can opt to put it on their house insurance. If putting device on house insurance, you should ensure the device is covered when it is removed from home, i.e brought to school.

You also have three options available for payment. You can pay for the device by:

- (a) Paying out right using a debit / credit card
- (b) Paying monthly using Wriggle's financing plan
- (c) Paying using a Credit Union loan (www.accesscu.ie or call 028 21883)

Does the school have an online platform?

Our school uses Microsoft TEAMS to support student learning. All students will be provided with a student email account which will allow them to access the Microsoft Suite for free. Students will attend workshops as part of their induction which will show them how to use their email and MS TEAMS. They will also have Digital Literacy classes as part of their Wellbeing Programme.

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 by email. We cannot guarantee that we can accommodate all requests but we will do our best.