

Message from the Parents Council:



Dear Parents/Guardians,

A warm welcome to St. Laurence's National School!

As members of the Parents Council, we are excited to have you join our vibrant community. We play a vital role in connecting parents, educators, and the school administration to help ensure every child thrives academically, socially, and emotionally.

Below is a list of what we do:

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Representation and Collaboration: We communicate and work directly with parents and the school staff, highlighting your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Parents Council members, parents and staff work together for the benefit of all children in the school.

Supporting School Activities: From fundraisers to more social events, we actively back the school making moments, like the annual Halloween walk, book fairs and communion morning teas/coffees, memorable for students and families alike.

Enrichment Programs: We organise workshops and sessions on parenting, education and child development to empower both parents and students.

Parent Education: We offer resources, guidance, and workshops to assist in navigating the primary school journey.

Mobile Phone Pledge:

The Parents Council suggests parents collectively consider a pledge not to give smartphones to their children until they are at least 12 years old. Research highlights that early phone usage can disrupt sleep, limit physical activity, and affect social and emotional growth. Waiting until your child is 12 years old can promote healthier habits and better tech relationships as children grow.

Volunteering:

We are always looking for new members and we invite you to join us in working for all the pupils in Sallins National School. Your involvement is invaluable and helps to enrich school experiences for all pupils. If you have ideas or want to volunteer, reach us at parents.council@sallinsns.ie or during school events.

Warm regards,

Parents Council

Below is some information which you may find useful:

Class WhatsApp Group:

It is very useful for each class to have a Parents WhatsApp group for information on activities, homework and other topics. Traditionally one parent in a class has taken the responsibility of setting this group up and then sharing details with other parents.

Parent Reading:

The school runs a Parent Reading Programme where parents can volunteer to read one on one with children from the school. This programme is fantastic and is enjoyed by parents and children alike. If you wish to volunteer please contact Niamh Fitzpatrick, Deputy Principal, via info@sallinsns.ie and she will contact you about the reading group.

Sallins GAA:

Sallins GAA runs an academy for boys and girls which takes place on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. The academy offers children the opportunity to try their hand at both Hurling/Camogie and Gaelic Football and is a great way of meeting new friends (for children and parents alike!). For details please contact: Anne Collins - 087-6187338

Sallins Celtic Soccer Club:

Sallins Celtic is a soccer team located in Sallins and was established in 1998. New members, boys and girls, are always welcome and the Academy runs on Sunday morning at the school astro. Sallins Celtic are always on the lookout for coaches of younger age groups. For more details please contact: sallinsceltic1998@gmail.com

Deirdre Browne Stage School:

Deirdre Browne Stage School offers classes for children ages 4+ in Naas, Caragh and Sallins. For more details please reach out to Deirdre Browne: 086-8587364

Brownies/Ladybirds:

For girls between the ages of 5-7. Ladybirds are superheroes, gaining powers as they collect their annual Discover, Grow and Fly Journey badges which are used to develop their rainbow-coloured superhero capes. uGames, activities and badges aim to develop a positive self-image, introduce Guiding values, and teach girls how to play and work well with others.

Contact Deborah: 0879013257

Sallins Scouts:

Sallins Scouts have Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venture sections for Boys and Girls and are always recruiting for new youth members and Adult Scouters. Details can be found at: www.sallinsscouts.ie