

Réalt na Mhara Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are extremely concerned about the health and safety of all the children attending Donacarney G.N.S. /B.N.S.

At the morning drop-off and at the 3.00p.m. pick-up times we have witnessed many drivers behaving in a very careless and inconsiderate manner. Their actions are dangerous and are a breach of our Health and Safety policy which has been drawn up in conjunction with the safety officer of Meath Co. Council – **Please read attached letter.**

Therefore, we would like to draw your attention to the following points:

1. We operate a drop and go system to keep traffic moving. At this point in the second term, most children will be able to walk safely from their car either through the court or on the footpath to the school entrance.
2. Parents are encouraged to drop their child and move off to make room for others. Your child is completely safe once they have entered the school yard. The same applies at 3pm where the children are picked up from the court.
3. The staff car park is clearly marked and is out of bounds for all traffic except for the following:
 - (a) Staff.
 - (b) Parents of special needs children who have designated parking spaces.
 - (c) Buses including buses travelling with special needs children.

N.B. PARKING ON THE ROUNDABOUT AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY IS FORBIDDEN.

4. The bus bays in front of the girls' school are clearly marked and we would ask all parents to respect this rule.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAY AT ANY TIME.

P.T.O.

5. **Walking to Bettystown:** To exit the school on foot and going in the Bettystown direction use the small pedestrian gate and turn left. If driving to Bettystown please have your car parked in that direction – **NO U-TURNS AT ENTRANCE GATE.**

Walking to Donacarney: Exit via the court, cross on the pedestrian crossing and exit the small gate using the footpath to turn right. Stay on the footpath at all times. Please have your car parked in the direction of Donacarney – **NO U-TURNS AT ENTRANCE GATE.**

The large gates are for vehicles only – **NO PEDESTRIAN USE AT THESE GATES.**

Please do not park close to the gates where all vehicles are entering and exiting (parking close to these gates blocks the way and the view causing great difficulty for the bus drivers and other road users).

Car-Pooling: We would suggest car-pooling to those of you who are travelling to school from the same area. This would greatly ease the volume of traffic at peak times.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Wet and windy conditions exasperate the flow of traffic, BE PATIENT.

Please abide by these measures for the safety of all.

We would ask for your continued support.

Chairperson – Board of Management

Road Safety Officer – Meath County Council