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20th August, 2025.

Dear Parents,

Starting back for a new school year:

The new school year starts next Thursday August 28th at 9.30p.m. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after their summer holidays. We hope that you all had a good summer and enjoy the last week of your holidays. School buses will be running on this day.

Welcome to our new students :

We welcome all our new students starting next week throughout the school and give a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants on their very first day of school. We hope that your time in our school is filled with happiness, learning and fun.

Parents Association Welcome Coffee Morning:

Our Parent's Association are organising a coffee morning on **Friday August 29th from 9.30am** for parents both new and returning! All are welcome to attend. More details will be posted on the Cootehall NS Parents Association Facebook Page. We would like to thank our Parent's Association for their great help and support for our school. The Parents Association can also be contacted through their email address **cootehallpa@gmail.com**

Junior Infant School finishing time:

Please note that to ensure Junior Infants make a smooth start into school life, **the Junior Infant school day will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. from Thursday 28th August to Friday 5th September 2025.** From Monday 8th September the Junior Infants will be dismissed from school at 2.10 p.m.

Supervision:

Please do not park in front of the school gates for the safety of the children accessing the school. This space is reserved for the school buses only. To ensure the smooth running of this, **supervision starts at 9:15 a.m., and finishes at 3:20 p.m.** The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for any pupils on the school premises outside of these hours. We ask that all students remain in their cars until a member of staff opens the gate at 9:15 a.m.

Updated School Calendar:

Please note that the school will have 3 separate days this school year for staff in-service training. Please find attached an updated school calendar for this year showing these closures.

4th Class Teacher:

We are delighted to welcome back Ms Maura Tansey as 4th class teacher for this coming school year.

Uniform:

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Blue crested Jumper
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or tracksuit.

Is it also recommended that shoes/runners with Velcro fastening or buckles are used until the students know how to tie their laces to help guard against accidents. **Please label all your child's belongings.**

Our school uniform jumper can only be purchased in the Magnet in Carrick-on-Shannon. The remainder of the uniform is generic and can be purchased in numerous outlets.

School Books

All schoolbooks, copies and homework notebooks will be given to all students at the start of the new school year under the Primary Schoolbooks Scheme 2025/26. There has been a delay in the publication of the homework notebooks this year. They will be given out to the students at the end of the 2nd week in September. Students will need a bag, lunch box pencil case, pens, pencils colours etc.

Voluntary Contribution 2025/26:

The school are requesting a contribution of **€35 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. We will send out details on how to pay this contribution in September using Way2Pay. We would be grateful if this contribution could be paid at your earliest convenience.

Hot School Meals:

The school are not in a position to offer hot school meals to students this term.
This is due to a delay in the release of tender documents by the School Procurement Unit that are required by schools to partake in this scheme. The Board of Management are beginning the tendering process for Hot School meals and hope to have this process completed so as all students will be able to receive Hot school meals from the start of the second term of this school year.

Contacting the School and Contact Details:

Communication between home and school is done by e mail, text, Aladdin and through our school website.
If there is any recent change in your contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the teacher (or cootehallns@gmail.com), or leave a message on the school phone **(071-9667264)**. We will endeavour to return your email or call as soon as possible.

Teachers can be contacted directly by email at the following email addresses:

Class	Teacher	Email address
Junior Infants & Senior Infants	Ms. Tansey/Ms. Brennan	dbrennanttansey@gmail.com
Senior Infants & 1st Class	Ms. Conroy	lconroycootehallns@gmail.com
2nd Class & 3rd Class	Mr. Conboy	lccootehall@gmail.com
4th Class	Ms. Tansey	m.tanseycootehallns@gmail.com
5th Class	Mr. Duffy	cootehallns@gmail.com
6th Class	Ms. Gilhooly	agilhoolyschool@gmail.com
Autism Class	Ms. McLoughlin	christinemcloughlin90@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Martin	camartin053@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. McManus	cootehallns@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Brennan	dbrennancootehallns@gmail.com
E.A.L.	Ms. Cregg	pcreggschool@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support. We wish everyone a wonderful year in our school.

Welcome back and kind regards,

Cian Duffy

Principal.