Coolfancy National School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to everyone after the summer break and to our new pupils and parents I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you and I sincerely hope you will be very happy here in Coolfancy. We extend a very special welcome back to Miss Collins — it is wonderful to have her back. I am attaching the book rental information etc. below for your attention and look forward to receiving same. As per usual there is a 'Paid By' date given and I sincerely hope that this date can be adhered to by all. In the event of unpaid book rental we will be unable to furnish the children with their books beyond the 'Paid By' date and will issue a full book list to those children to allow the parents to purchase the books privately themselves. If any family wishes to enter into a payment scheme to allow the cost to be broken up please don't hesitate to contact me and I'm sure a suitable arrangement for all parties can be put in place.

Book Rental; This year's book rental is €75.00 per child and we have been extremely fortunate to maintain this figure from last year. A lot of shopping around and minimising our booklist to the very best of our ability has allowed this fee to remain constant. Please send into school as soon as possible but no later than 29th September, 2017.

<u>School Fee/Parent Contribution:</u> This is now €70 per family and <u>not</u> per child and again this must also be <u>paid in full no</u> later than Friday, 29th September, 2017. This money is essential to the continuation of all our curricular and extracurricular activities at school with the purchase of art materials, photocopying costs, P.E. gear etc.

Music Generation Programme: This fee this year is €15.00 per child – payable in full no later than Friday, 29th September, 2017. For those parents who are unfamiliar with this programme this is a programme developed through Public/Private partnership and sees two qualified choral and Foundation Music instructors visit the school for 2.5 hours per week delivering musical and choral instruction. This represents excellent value for money as we receive 30 lessons which works out at 0.50c per lesson. Full participation by all classes is necessary to continue with our inclusion in this programme for which we are extremely grateful.

<u>School Milk Scheme:</u> Consent forms attached. Please complete and return by Friday, 8th September, should you wish your child to participate in the scheme.

<u>Swimming (2nd – 6th Class Only):</u> Our swimming programme will commence next year after the Easter break. Fees to be decided upon in the New Year.

<u>Insurance</u>: The renewal forms for the Pupil Personal Accident Insurance are attached. I will need the application forms returned by the 22nd September at the very latest should you wish to proceed. If you have any questions regarding the insurance please contact the school secretary.

<u>School Absence:</u> If your child/children are absent from school they <u>must</u> have a note with them on their return to school explaining their absence. This note must be signed by one/both parent/guardian.

It's wonderful to see everyone back and we are looking forward to another great year.

Kindest Regards, Maeve Murphy. A/Principal