

Drop Off and Pick up

- ◆ The parking spaces outside the school are set down spaces only. Cars should only be parked in these spaces for less than 30 minutes. We are aware that these spaces are currently used for full day parking. We would like this to stop
- ◆ During **Drop off (8.30am to 9.10am)** and **Pick up (1.15pm to 1.50pm)** and **(2.15pm to 2.50pm)** all parking spaces should be available to parents who are dropping off and picking up children from the primary school
- ◆ Parents and children must use the pedestrian crossings at all times
- ◆ Parents should not walk children across the road through traffic or through the roundabout
- ◆ Drivers are not permitted to park on the double yellow lines, up on the kerb, or in the driveway of the houses across from the school
- ◆ Please park elsewhere and approach the school by foot
- ◆ A proposal to engage with a clamping company may be considered by the Board of Management and by the Parent Association. Your input on this proposal would be very much appreciated. Please email the PA.



New Board of Management & New Parent Association



Our new Board of Management is now in place and our second meeting took place earlier this month.

The members are as follows:

Paul Ward (Chairperson)

Eleanor Chambers

David Field

Mervyn Feely

Patrick McDermott

Mary Sherry,

Elaine Molyneaux

Anne Kernan

The Board of Management and the Parent Association are run on a voluntary basis. We extend our gratitude and the very best of luck to both committees as each committee progresses with the business of supporting our school.

Access to the New Hockey Pitch

Last Friday over 50 children from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes were



welcomed onto the new hockey pitches attached to our Secondary School. This day has been a long

time coming and it did not disappoint. We are sincerely grateful to the BoM of Our Lady's Grove Secondary school and to school Principal, Mr. Dooley for giving us access to this wonderful amenity. *We wish the Secondary School every success with their new facility.*

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PA Email: olgpmain@gmail.com



First Aid

As the flu season takes hold, we advise parents to keep their child/ren at home until fully better. It is not possible for the class teacher to keep children in First Aid as the sole purpose of this facility is to treat injuries that happen out on the yard.

Following an injury, children must not be sent to school in a boot or a sling or on crutches without contacting the school in advance. From 3rd to 6th class, the child must be able to use the stairs without crutches. Should the lift be required, a plan must be put in place whereby two members of staff are available to accompany the child in the lift. This can prove challenging during a busy school day. It is very helpful if we are fully informed about the nature of the injury and what is required in advance.

The Library

The children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly trip to the library. In order to ensure a continual supply of good quality books we must keep track of all the books in the library. Children are encouraged to borrow two books at a time. These books must be returned



before borrowing new books.

It is very important that each child who borrows a book ensures that the returned book is taken from their name on the Databiz system. Failure to check the book back into the system means the child is responsible for the book. This will incur a fine of €5 payable only by EPP before the child can borrow a new book. We strongly recommend that the borrowed books be kept safely in a plastic pouch ensuring that the books do not get damaged in the child's backpack.

We have a dedicated Library Committee whose members volunteer their time to assist during the class library time and who are always on hand to ensure that our library looks well.

Parents who would like to volunteer on the Library Committee should email:
admin@olgps.ie

Written Notes

When your child is out sick you are **not** required to email or phone the office. We ask that he/she brings in a letter upon his/her return to school explaining the reason for being absent. Please include dates and the parent's signature. Keep a copy for your own records. If you know that your child has an appointment on a particular morning and that he/she will be coming into school by midday, please write a note to the teacher in advance and the attendance will be recorded for your child later that day.



Tracksuit

We are fully aware of the issues with our tracksuit. A committee has been convened and every effort is being made to address these problems for next September. We appreciate that there must be flexibility in terms of allowing children to wear the tracksuit when the children are going to an OLG sporting event directly after school. If your child is in tracksuit when they should be in uniform, it is very helpful to the teacher if they have a written note explaining the situation.

Uniform (1st Class – 6th Class)

The school uniform is key to the identity of our school. Since September we have been encouraging the children to wear the full uniform with pride. It would be remiss of us if the children were led to believe that the uniform did not matter. We are asking for your support at home to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on a 'uniform day'. If there is a problem on a given day, your child should bring in a signed note explaining the situation. Leggings and runners are not permitted to be worn as part of the school uniform. Failure to heed a warning may result in a consequence.

The girls' uniform: *the school jumper, the check shirt, grey pinafore/grey trousers, navy tights/white socks and black uniform shoes.*

The boys' uniform: *the school jumper, light blue shirt, grey trousers and black uniform shoes.*