



St. Kevin's Community College

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and I hope 2023 is a successful year for you all. We will have a brief staff meeting on Thursday January 5th until 10.15am with **students not returning until 10.15am**. As we start a new school term, we would like to remind you of some of the key things that we as a school insist to help with an orderly and safe environment for your son/daughter to learn. I would be grateful if you could discuss these matters with your son/daughter so they are aware of them before we start the new school term.

Many students will have received new clothes, tracksuits, runners, phones or gadgets over Christmas. We ask that students do NOT bring any of these to school as things like this put undue pressure on other families and students. This is why we have our uniform and the rules and procedures we have around phones, PE tracksuit and shoes. Please ensure that your son/daughter is in full and proper school uniform on Thursday. Students know exactly what is allowed for PE – ONLY the official school tracksuit (unless in 6th year) and it may only be worn on the day your son/daughter has PE. A full school uniform should be worn otherwise, including tie for boys and black leather shoes at all times. If you have difficulty with any of this please contact me urgently, as we do not want uniform issues preventing your son/daughter from being in class as expected. Runners are not allowed, except for day(s) when PE is on the timetable. Students without proper shoes will be expected to wear a temporary pair that we will provide, or we will expect parents to drop up the correct shoes.

A reminder about our rules around **mobile phones** – they are **only allowed** during 'big' lunch (13.10-13.45). If a student is found using it outside of this time, they will be asked to hand it over for the day. It will be returned at the end of the day providing the student hands it over without argument. Refusal to hand it over will result in suspension from school whereupon the student must submit their phone on condition of return to school anyway. There have been several examples of students being contacted by parents/guardians during class time. We ask for your support in not doing so. If you need to make contact with your son/daughter, please ring the school office on (01) 6266277 or email us on admin@stkevinscc.ie, tonybarry@stkevinscc.ie or ciaranduffy@stkevinscc.ie. We are aware that it has been difficult to get through to the office at times, and we have made changes to ensure this improves.

Jewellery is an important health and safety issue, especially in practical classes. The only allowable jewellery is one pair of stud earrings. The following are what we consider to be *The Basics* which we are reminding all students of again this term.

- **Walk on Left**
- **Line up outside classroom**
- **Sit in assigned seat – move seat if requested**
- **Journals out**
- **Jackets off**

- **Ready** to work
- **Defiance** – doing what you’re told. No means no.
- **Toilets** – to be used at break and lunch unless emergency.

While it might appear that some of these are not the most important issues in school, these ‘little’ things help set students up for the day, allows them to engage fully like everyone else in the life of the school and ultimately prepares them for the world of work when finished school. Many jobs require uniforms or have policies around the use of phone usage, jewellery etc – schools are no different. If we all help and support each other with these basic things, we can go a long way in supporting your son/daughter in school and enhance their chances of success.

Fizzy Drinks are all completely banned and will be confiscated at sight. Students must bring their own water bottles and refills are not available in the school. Water is only available at lunch from the canteen.

Our staff do not come to work to have any form of verbal abuse hurled at them from a minority of students. Some students (a very small minority) use words like muppet, mong, retard, f**k off etc directed at staff. This is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any such examples of this will immediately result in a 2-day suspension (day of incident and next day). Parents/Guardians will be expected to attend a meeting with the student before the student can return to school.

Every time a student comes back from suspension (for any reason), they have to apologise to the teacher involved and are put on a behaviour sheet for 1 week to be overseen by Year Head. 3 bad notes on the behaviour sheet in the week is an escalation to be dealt with by Principal/Deputy Principal – meaning another meeting with parent/guardian and detention. If 1 more bad note following this meeting, the students will face an immediate 1 day suspension.

We really need your support as parents/guardians to explain these basics to your son/daughter. We have a busy school building with almost 500 people moving around.

Feel free to contact myself at any stage by phoning 086 7961399 or emailing myself on tony@stkevinscc.ie or the deputy principal on ciaranduffy@stkevinscc.ie.

The days and times of possible Year Head detentions are included below for your information.

Juniors	Seniors
Tuesday- 8:20 (Ms Dalton Room 10)	Tuesday – 3.50 (Ms Hogan/Ms Hickey Room 8 or 35)
Wednesday – 1.30 (Ms Clarke Room 6)	Thursday – 3.50 (Ms Hogan Room 8)
Thursday – 8.20 (Ms Lynam Room 10)	Thursday – 8.20 (Ms Burke 10)
Friday – 8.20 (Ms Dalton Room 10)	
Wednesday afternoon detentions with Deputy Principal if YH detentions are missed.	

Let us all play our part to help your son/daughter grow into excellent young men and women and achieve the best for themselves in the future.

With every best wish for the year ahead,

Tony Barry

Ciarán Duffy

Tony Barry (Principal)

Ciarán Duffy (Deputy Principal).