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Lána Ráth Éanaigh. Bóthar an Rátha
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14th June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to welcome our two hundred and ten incoming first years to Lusk Community College. As Deputy Principal linked to this group, I hope to use my twenty plus years of teaching and leadership experience to support your son/ daughter in their educational journey in the positive and inclusive learning environment we have here in Lusk Community College.

First year students will be fully supported by the staff who are eager to meet all our new students. A class tutor has been assigned to every class group who are supported by the Year Head, Ms. Katie Murray. Ms. Murray, an accomplished Irish and French teacher, brings a wealth of experience to the team. Her most recent role as Year Head for the Class of 2023 exemplifies her dedication to student well-being and academic success. Should you have any questions or queries in relation to our return please email incoming@luskcc.ie.

Outline of School Return

Thursday 22 nd August	
8:30 -12:15	All First Year - Induction
Friday 23 rd August	
8:30 – 13:10	All First Year - Induction
Monday 26 th August	
	No School
Tuesday 27 th August	
8.30 – 12.15	All First Year – Timetabled classes
Wednesday 28 th August	
8.30 – 15.35	All First Year – Timetabled classes
Thursday 29 th August	
8.30 – 15.35	All First Year - Full School Return

Induction Arrangements for Thursday 22nd August

It is most important that students return to school and settle into a comfortable routine as quickly as possible. To ensure that students enjoy their first days at Lusk Community College it is important that the return is conducted in a safe controlled manner. It is important that students are punctual and arrive to school on time. Staff will be waiting to greet our incoming 1st year students at the main door.

The school will take care to induct and introduce all incoming first years to Lusk CC

- All students must arrive at 9:00am sharp
- All students must be in full school uniform including fully black footwear
- Students should bring their pencil case and a copy.
- Students should bring their iPads on Friday 23rd August
- Students should bring a small snack and drink. There will be no canteen facilities open at this point.

First year students will follow an induction programme during their first few days, this is aimed at helping them to settle into post-primary school here in Lusk Community College. During the induction students will be introduced to the school, meet with their tutor and Year Head, and tour the new school building. Base classes and options will only be confirmed once students have commenced the school year.

We understand that parents and students may be anxious about entering secondary school for the first time. Please be assured that the school will make every effort to make the transition as happy and as smooth as possible.

Important Student Medical Information

It is important that the schools ensure we have full details on any health needs your son/daughter may have. A link to an online form will be sent via text in the coming week where details of any medical requirements should be communicated to the school. We ask that all parents complete this as soon as possible. Should you have any additional concerns regarding this please contact incoming@luskcc.ie

Academic Calendar 2024/25

Enclosed, you will also find a copy of the school calendar for the 2024/25 academic year. This has also been posted on the school website.

Start and Finish Times for 2024/25 School Year

First Year start and finish times are outlined below.

Year	Start	Finish (Mon – Thurs)	Finish Friday
1 st Year	08:30	15:35	13:10

Students who wish to access their lockers in the AM should attend school at least 10 minutes before their start time to do so.

Break and Lunchtimes

First Year start and finish times are outlined below.

Year	Break (Mon – Thurs)	Lunch (Mon – Thurs)	Break Friday
1 st Year	10:00-10:15	12:15 – 12:55	10:00-10:30

Uniform

As you will be aware, Lusk Community College uniform supplier is *Grant Uniforms* which is located at Manor Street, Dublin 7. Their website is: <https://grantsclothing.ie/>

The official school uniform is outlined below. Attached also is a copy of our school's uniform policy.

Student Uniform	Student PE Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tartan skirt or navy trousers• Teal blue crested school jumper (Junior Cycle)• Navy blue crested school jumper (Senior Cycle)• White blouse/shirt with collar• House tie with school crest• Navy socks or navy tights• Full black footwear• Navy crested school jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy tracksuit bottoms• Light blue polo shirt• School crested tracksuit top

We encourage the donation of outgrown and unwanted uniform items which are always welcome and can be conveniently handed in or requested at the school office over the summer and indeed throughout the academic year.

Rules relating to uniform and appearance

- The wearing of full school uniform is compulsory in school and at school related activities unless otherwise specified.
- Only the crested school jacket may be worn.
- Flared, hipster, combat, leggings, or other trousers are not uniform/PE uniform.
- Students must wear **full black footwear** to school.



PE Uniform

All students must wear the full Lusk Community College PE uniform while taking part in PE class.

- Students will continue to be allowed to wear their PE uniform to school only on the days that they are timetabled for PE. Only the crested school jacket may be worn.
- Lusk CC PE uniform is the **ONLY** acceptable PE attire.
- If students do not have a complete school PE attire, they must wear their full uniform to school and change for PE.

Jewellery

- Only one small stud earring (4mm) per ear is allowed.
- No nose, lip or other facial/body piercings are allowed.

Book Scheme

Lusk Community College has operated its E-Book Loan Scheme for Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students since 2019. During this time, the school has sought to alleviate school costs for parent/guardians by providing schoolbooks, E-Books, class equipment, class resources, etc. at a reduced cost.

From September 2024, following the introduction of the Free Schoolbooks Scheme, by Minister Norma Foley at the Department of Education, to all students in Junior Cycle years, Lusk Community College will continue to operate the scheme, with some significant additions included, i.e. stationary supplies. As a result of this new scheme, the school will no longer require payment from parents/guardians for schoolbooks, e-books, class equipment/ classroom resources. Well-maintained textbooks are central to the effectiveness of the Loan scheme. A copy of our school's new Junior Cycle E-Book Loan Scheme is attached for your perusal.

Parents/Guardian **DO NOT** need to purchase stationary, books, or eBooks for Junior Cycle students

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones on the school grounds in Lusk Community College is prohibited and as such students should not be bringing phones to school. We request parents support in this matter.

iPads

Reminder that the Wriggle store is open until **June 25th** to allow for the purchase of students iPads. Please go to <https://store.wriggle.ie> with **store code 53847130**. Full details on iPad purchases are available on our website or by clicking [here](#). Orders not made before the above date may incur additional charges.

It is essential that all student devices have Wriggle's JAMF management software on their iPad. iPads without this management software installed, may not be used while in school. For further information please contact wriggle.

Online Payments

Please note: The school does not process online payments through the VSware App.

The school's online payment system is MIT. Parent/Guardian should access MIT should access the school online payment system via our school website www.luskcommunitycollege.ie. by clicking on the icon showed by the red arrow below.



A €90 Student Support Services payment, detailed below, is now set up on the MIT system. If you have difficulty accessing your MIT payment account, please contact the school office on 01-5130000.

Student Support Services refers to payment for the following items:

- Lockers, locks, and maintenance
- Student 24-hour insurance
- Text messaging
- Extra-Curricular activities
- Awards
- Wellbeing events
- Standardised testing
- VSware

Parent/guardians may contact the school in confidence to discuss payment arrangements should this be required. Please do so in the understanding that absolute discretion is assured.

School Office

The school office will remain closed to the public from 28th June until 12th August 2024. Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the items in this letter or should you wish to contact the school during this time, you may do so at 01-5130000, leaving a voicemail, or by emailing incoming@ddletb.ie.

Our wish here at Lusk Community College is to create an atmosphere where all students feel as though they belong. This is a place where we want your son/daughter to achieve their academic potential. We also wish that within LCC, your child can develop personally and socially to prepare them best for the challenges in their lives ahead. We look forward to working with you towards these goals in the years ahead.

On behalf of the Board of Management and staff at Lusk Community College, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summers and we look forward to welcoming our 2024/25 First Year students in the coming months.

Kind regards,



Ciara Grant
Deputy Principal