

Bekan School

Newsletter

September/October 2025



Welcome

A big welcome to our new staff members: Edel Fahey who is teaching First Class, Hazel Cox who is working in SET and Avril Forde-McGreal who is working as an SNA.

We wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy working in Bekan School.

Building Updates



A decision is due on the planning application for a new classroom on Monday 29th September.

The school intends to resurface some of the school pitch and build a new playground before the new classroom build begins.

Upcoming Events



- East Mayo Cross Country Racing in Swinford on Thursday 25th September
- Mini 7s competition in Bekan Centre of Excellence on Tuesday 30th September
- Parent -Teacher meetings on Tuesday & Wednesday 14th / 15th October
- School closed for Presidential Election on Friday 24th October

Board of Management Updates

The following policies were reviewed/ratified recently:

1. Admissions Policy
2. Acceptable Use Policy

Policies are available on the school website: www.bekanschool.ie

The Dept. of Education have updated Child Protection Procedures for all schools. The Board of Management will formally adopt these procedures later this term. As part of the update, all parents and pupils will be surveyed. We would really appreciate your co-operation with this survey. School will close on 18th November to facilitate staff training in the new procedures.

School Meals

Our hot meals scheme will be starting after Christmas. In the interim children can avail of free cold lunches. These must be ordered weekly on the SteakOut App on before Thursday night. We are currently tendering for suppliers for the hot food delivery. We will arrange a tasting event for parents before Christmas so that they will know what to expect/order for their child. All left over food must be taken home.

Connect App



Please ensure you use the Connect App to submit absence details to your child's teacher. Children who are absent in excess of 20 days have to be reported to Túsla.

All school closures are listed on the Connect App.

Parents' Association News

Welcome new parents to the school and we hope everyone has settled in and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the school. Everyone is welcome.

If you cannot attend meetings but feel you have ideas, skills, contacts or resources that you could contribute, please get in touch or make suggestions to us via Messenger. We welcome your input!

We hope you can join us on Tuesday 30th @ 8pm in the school to firm up plans for this term and share ideas for future fund raisers.

Morning Drop-off



School begins at 9:30. The school doors open at 9:20 a.m. to receive pupils. Please do not drop off your child before 9:20 as pupils cannot be accepted on the school grounds due to insurance issues before this time, except in exceptional circumstances.