



Information for 1st Year Parents

May 2021



Rosses Community School

Welcome...

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to the Rosses Community School in September. Due to the restrictions placed on us this year, it has not been possible to hold a parent information session as we would normally.

We have compiled some of the key information you require in this booklet, with the hope that it will help with your preparations for the new school year.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

We wish you all a very pleasant summer and we look forward to seeing you all in August/September.

Kind regards,

John Gorman
Principal

Dáire Gillen
Deputy Principal



John Gorman
PRINCIPAL



Dáire Gillen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Rosses Community School

1st Year Parents

School Opening Dates

Please find below the school opening and return dates for the 2021/22 school year:

Monday 30th August	School Reopens - 1st Years begin
Wednesday 1st September	5th & 6th Years return
Thursday 2nd September	2nd & 3rd Years return
Friday 3rd September	Transition Years return. 1st Year students remain at home.

Please note the above dates are subject to change awaiting advice from the Department of Education.

Chromebooks

As we plan for the new school year, we will continue with the use of a standard Chromebook for all students in September 2021. We as a school have been using google chromebooks and google apps for the last seven years.

These chromebooks can be purchased in The Cope outright or on a HP agreement in conjunction with The Rosses Credit Union. We as a school would recommend the HP agreement. The cost per week will be approximately €6.80 over a 2 year period. They are also available in most electronic outlets.





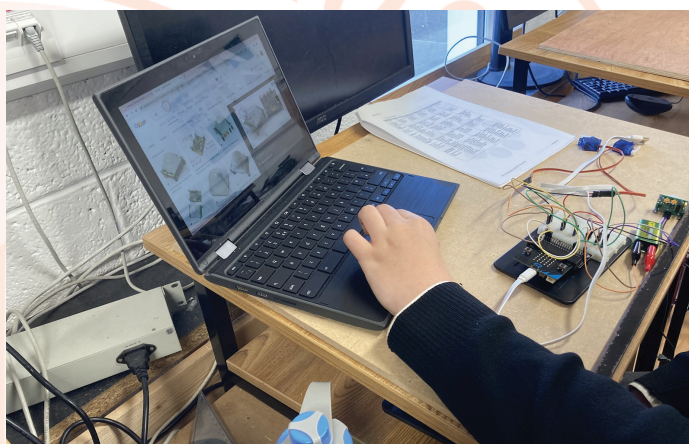
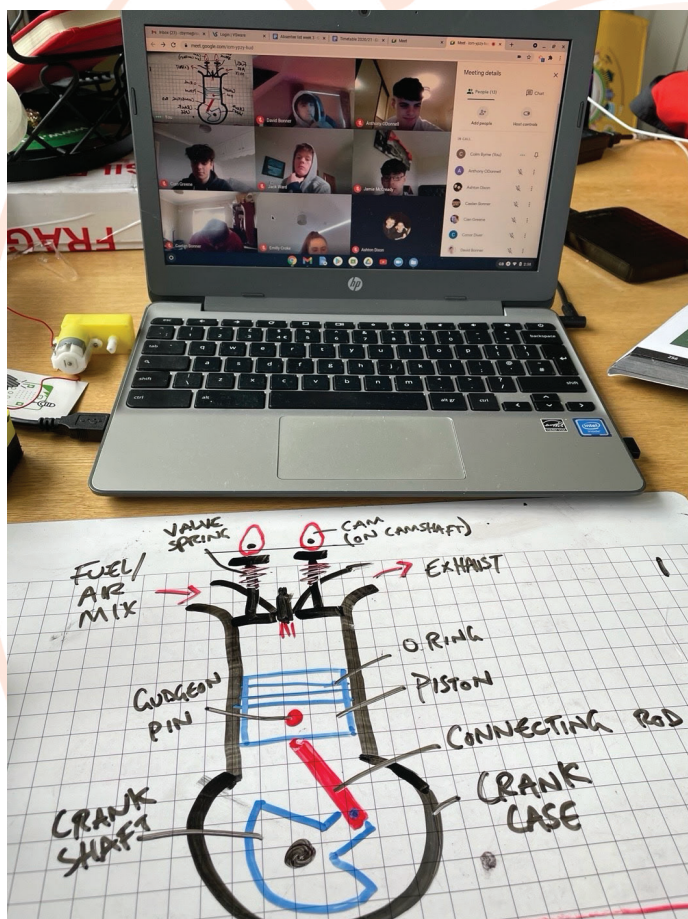
Rosses Community School

1st Year Parents

The 1st year annual book bill is normally approximately €450. The 5th year bill is approximately the same. We are also continuing the use of the device in TY so that students will be well used to the device for senior cycle and further education.

Please see the school website for all book lists for your information. Books are not to be purchased at this time.

The use of Chromebooks is aimed at significantly reducing the book bill cost for parents, particularly with the Credit Union HP facility. It will also greatly reduce the weight of student school bags. They will be stored securely in classrooms at breaktime. We would also encourage adding the insurance to the facility.



The RCS will purchase class sets of books for use in the classroom. A code for an online version will be given to students. If any student needs access to the textbook this will be facilitated by the school.

We encourage you to order your device by the 15th of June, to allow The Cope to pre order so that students have their device for class in August.

Please see Chromebook information flyer on the following page.



Expand their Education, not your Budget....

In line with the new Junior Cycle
Classroom Based Assessment

No more heavy textbooks

Discover a world of Apps
that let students thrive

Multiple layers of security and
easy set up



Lenovo 300e 2nd Generation, AST 82CE

Flip design , A4 9120C / 1.6 GHz , Chrome OS , 4 GB RAM , 32 GB eMMC
11.6" IPS touchscreen 1366 x 768 (HD) , Radeon R4 , Wi-Fi, Bluetooth , black , kbd: UK

€375

5% Fixed Rate Loan over Two Years from the Rosses Credit Union

FREE Book Licences purchased by RCS, where applicable

**Are you eligible for a Book Grant?
Use it in conjunction with your purchase!**





Rosses Community School

1st Year Parents

School Contribution Fee

There is a student contribution fee of €50 payable by all students before the 30th August. This fee covers the following:

- €25 for copying and printing of class materials which will increase significantly with the advent of the chromebook.
- €10 for school diary.
- €15 for insurance and sms costs.

A way2pay text link will be sent to all parents in mid-August to facilitate payment.

School Calendar

The school calendar detailing holidays is available on the school website.

School Canteen

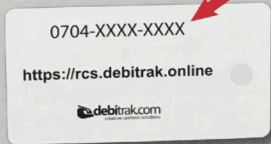
The school canteen operates a cashless system via Debitrak. Please see information to the side about this system.

Your student's fob will be posted before school starts. On receipt of the fob, please follow the instructions in order to add credit to your child's account.

There is no facility to pay with cash. It is important that you register this card as your child will need this to use the canteen facility.

Any queries please direct them to info@rossescommunityschool.ie

ACTIVATE YOUR SMART-FOB
3 EASY STEPS

- 1** GO TO OUR WEBSITE
[HTTPS://RCS.DEBITRAK.ONLINE](https://rcs.debitrak.online)
AND CLICK "ACTIVATE MY FOB"
- 2** ENTER YOUR UNIQUE NUMBER PRINTED
ON THE REVERSE OF YOUR NEW SMART-FOB

- 3** ADD FUNDS USING YOUR
CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.

**AND THAT'S IT
YOU'RE READY TO GO...**



Rosses Community School

1st Year Parents

VSWare / Student Timetables

Student timetables and subject choices will be available in mid August on VSWare. A separate letter with VSWare login details for new parents will be posted in the near future. With regards to subject choices for the coming year, we will meet with each student who wishes to discuss their choices when we return in August. Appointments can be made through the school office on return to school.

We plan to hold a VSWare information session for parents in September.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is a black jumper with the school crest, a white shirt and grey uniform trousers and **all black shoes**. Black trainers are acceptable, providing they are predominantly black in colour. The uniform is available in The Cope Dungloe.

We are very proud of our uniform and our students represent the school locally, nationally and internationally.





Rosses Community School

1st Year Parents

PE Gear

Introducing our Sports range for students.

As a result of recent COVID protocols, PE gear is worn on the day of PE. This has led to the introduction of a 2021/2022 PE uniform, which parents may purchase if they chose. This is a result of non availability of changing rooms during COVID.



We would encourage our 1st Year and TY groupings to purchase our new sports range for PE. Students will be permitted to wear this gear on days they are timetabled for PE. The purchase of these items can be facilitated by the finance agreement with the The Cope and Credit Union also. Combatting the pressures for parents to purchase the latest designer sports gear.

Student Email Accounts

All correspondence from school to students is via their gmail account. Students also use this account to access their drive and classroom.

Student email addresses are as follows: 2021studentname@rossescommunityschool.ie
Password: DDMMYYYY

Students will be asked to change their password on first login



Communication

The school will communicate with parents via email and texts. If you change your email address or number please contact info@rossescommunityschool.ie with your new contact details.



Pobalscoil na Rosann

An Clochán Liath, Co. Dhún na nGall

Tel: 074 95 21122

Fax: 074 95 21001

Email: dgillen@rossescommunityschool.ie

jgorman@rossescommunityschool.ie

Rosses Community School

Dungloe, Co. Donegal

Tel: 074 95 21122

Fax: 074 95 21001

Email: dgillen@rossescommunityschool.ie

jgorman@rossescommunityschool.ie