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17th August 2026.

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and all your family are having a great summer break and that you are all ready for the return of school next week!

The Department of Education and Youth formally approved the amalgamation of Cootehall NS and Drumboylan NS last month. Our newly amalgamated school is called Ardcarne Parish Primary School.

Over the summer break we have been busy working to get ready for this amalgamation. We have got a lot done but there is a lot more to do!

In practical terms we will not see a huge change in the school this year. Our enrolment is similar to last year. Our uniform will stay the same for this school year, but we will look to update it for the following school year. Children will receive their schoolbooks and copies in the first few days of this term. Homework notebooks are due to be delivered to the school in early September. The main difference for this school year is that we will have more staff to cater for the needs of our students.

The following are the class teachers for this school year.

Class	Teacher
Junior/Senior Infants	Ms. Tansey/Ms. Brennan
Senior Infants/First Class	Ms. Conroy
Second Class/Third Class	Ms. Gilhooly
Fourth Class	Ms Patrice Cregg will act as substitute teacher for the 1st week until the position is filled in line with Department of Education and Youth procedures.
Fifth Class	Mr. Conboy
Sixth Class	Ms. Cathy Martin
Special Education Teachers	Ms. Catherine. Martin, Ms. Deirdre Brennan, Ms. Anne Murray Mr. Duffy
Special Class Teacher	Ms. Christine McLoughlin

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Teacher	To be filled in line with Department of Education and Youth Procedures

We will have 5 SNAs in our school this year : Pauline Dwyer, Joan Tiernan, Amanda Cassidy, Deirdre Gilboy and Denise Smith.

Our school secretaries are Marion Woods and Kathyrn Ruxton. The Board of Management employs Martina Fryer as school cleaner and Mary Fryer as school caretaker.

With regard to school policies, we will continue to use the policies of Cootehall NS until these policies are updated by the new Board of Management of Ardcarne Parish Primary School.

Our School Parent's Association have organised a Welcome Coffee Morning on Wednesday 26th Aug from 9.30 - 11am St Michael's complex. All are invited and we would be particularly delighted if the Parents of our new students were able to attend.
We would like to thank our Parent Association for organising this event and for all the invaluable help and support they offer our school.

School buses will be running as usual on the first day of term, Wednesday 26th of August. To allow our new Junior Infants make a smooth start into school life, the Junior Infant school day will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. from Wednesday 26th August to Friday 4th September 2026. From Monday 7th September the Junior Infants will be dismissed from school at 2.10 p.m.

If you have any queries with regard to anything school related, please feel free to contact the school and we will try to answer your query as best as we can.

We would just like to wish all our students, staff and all in the school community the very best for the upcoming school year. For all our new students and their families, we hope that you our school will be a happy place of learning and friendship over the coming years. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and breezy next week on Wednesday at 9.30am!

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal
Ardcarne Parish Primary School.