



CLOUNAGH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS

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Welcome to Clounagh Junior High School

A special welcome to the Class of 2026

We are so pleased to welcome you to Clounagh Junior High School. Starting a new school is a big step, and we understand that this is an exciting – and sometimes slightly nervous – time for you and your family. Please know that we are here to support you every step of the way.

At Clounagh, our vision is to **empower young people and equip them for their futures**. We aim to do this not only through excellent teaching and learning, but also by creating a **nurturing, caring environment** where every pupil feels valued, encouraged, and supported.

We believe that school should be a place where you feel safe, confident, and inspired to grow – both academically and personally. Our dedicated team of staff are committed to making sure your time at Clounagh is enjoyable, meaningful, and full of opportunity.

We also know how important it is to work in partnership with parents and carers. By working together, we can ensure that the transition to junior high school is a smooth and positive experience for every pupil.

We are truly excited to welcome you to our school community this September. We look forward to getting to know you, supporting you, and seeing all that you will achieve as part of the Class of 2026.

Welcome to Clounagh- we are so glad you're here!



'Empowering pupils for a world of change.'



The Clounagh way: Positive behaviour for learning.



Our school rules are summarised by 3 key phrases which are applicable to a wide variety of situations. These rules are explicitly taught and modelled along with our routines for learning- **Be responsible.....Be respectful.....Be safe.**

At Clounagh we have embedded routines to support learning and to ensure all pupils are clear about our expectations for learning.

Videos outlining these routines are placed on the school website.

Pupils and adults will be expected to demonstrate pride in their appearance, adhering to agreed dress codes outlined on the school website and in induction booklets.

Pupils will be expected to follow the one-way system in school with appropriate 'hands off' corridor behaviour.



Classroom rules

In Clounagh Junior High School we have four main school rules for classroom behaviour:

1. Hands up to ask a question
2. Listen carefully. Never interrupt.
3. Be respectful to everyone
4. Do not touch anyone or their personal belongings (this includes in the playground and corridor)

Mobile phones must be switched off before coming into the school building and must not be used at anytime.

The School Day and Attendance

The school day

Our school doors open to pupils from 7.45am, giving everyone time to settle in before the day begins. Breakfast club operates from 7.45-8.15am. Pupils should make their way to registration from 8.20am so they are ready to start the day calmly and on time. Year 8 assembly takes place every Tuesday, providing a great opportunity for pupils to come together, hear important messages, and celebrate achievements. We're here to support a smooth and positive start to each day for every pupil.

School Timetable Overview

Morning Sessions

- Registration: 8.30 AM - 8.55 AM
- Periods 2-4: 8:55 AM – 10:25 AM

Break

- 10:25 AM – 10:45 AM

Late Morning Sessions

- Periods 5-7: 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Lunch Periods

- Period 8 (1st Lunch): 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM
- Period 9 (2nd Lunch): 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM
- Period 10 (3rd Lunch): 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Afternoon Sessions

- Periods 11 & 12: 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Students' specific lunch periods are determined by their individual timetables.

Homework club will run from Monday-Thursday 2.45-3.45pm.



Attendance

At our school, we want every pupil to be a **H.E.R.O. – Here, Everyday, Ready and On Time**. Good attendance is the foundation of a successful and enjoyable school experience, and we encourage all our pupils to arrive by **8.20am** each day, prepared with the equipment they need to learn and thrive. We understand that sometimes there are challenges that make attending school difficult, and our pastoral support team is always available to listen and support. We also work closely with the **Education Welfare Service** to ensure every pupil has the opportunity to succeed. Being a H.E.R.O. isn't about being perfect – it's about doing your best, and knowing that we're here to support you every step of the way.

Uniform

Girls' uniform- to be worn at all times.

Blazer Blue blazer with badge.

Skirt Black skirt, worn to the knee, with 2 pleats at front.

Blouse Blue blouse.

Tie School clip on tie.

Tights Black tights are **compulsory** from Halloween break to end of term 2.

Socks Black **knee high** socks may be worn September/October and term 3.

Shoes Plain black leather shoes. Maximum heel height 1.5 inches. Boots or trainers are not permitted.

Jumper Black jumper (optional)



Appearance/Jewellery

Make up must be natural. Fake eye lashes and nail polish are not permitted and hairstyles must be 'modest'.

In the interest of pupil safety, **NO JEWELLERY, INCLUDING EARRINGS** may be worn. A watch is allowed.

Girls' PE uniform

PE top Clounagh royal blue PE polo shirt

Skort Clounagh royal blue skort

Socks Kukri royal blue socks/trainer socks

Trainers Running shoes (not leisure shoes such as Converse/Vans)

Optional Clounagh ¼ zip, Kukri navy tracksuit bottoms.
No other bottoms/leggings to be worn.

Safety equipment Shin guards must be worn for playing competitive hockey. Mouth guards are highly recommended.



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Ivan Jameson
Robert Davison

Uniform



Boys' uniform- to be worn at all times.

Blazer	Blue blazer with badge
Skirt	Black trousers
Blouse	Blue shirt
Tie	School clip on tie
Socks	Black socks
Shoes	Plain black leather shoes. Maximum heel height 1.5inches. Boots or trainers are not permitted.
Jumper	Black jumper (optional)



Appearance/Jewellery

Hairstyles must be 'modest'. In the interest of pupil safety, **NO JEWELLERY, INCLUDING EARRINGS** may be worn. A watch is allowed.

Boys' PE uniform

PE top	Clounagh PE T-shirt or Jersey (Clounagh blue and amber hooped top – recommended for rugby activities)
Shorts	Clounagh royal blue shorts
Socks	Kukri royal blue socks/trainer socks

Trainers Running shoes (not leisure shoes such as converse/Vans)

Football boots Football boots are required for Games to allow the playing of soccer and rugby on the grass

Optional Clounagh ¼ zip, kukri navy tracksuit bottoms. No other bottoms/leggings to be worn.

Safety equipment Shin guards must be worn for playing competitive hockey/football. Mouth guards are highly recommended for rugby and hockey.



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Induction and Equipment

We are very excited to welcome our new Year 8 pupils to their Induction Day on Tuesday **1st September**. This will be a **full school day**, starting at **8.20am** and finishing at **2.45pm**. Pupils should come in **full school uniform**, ready to begin this exciting new chapter.

On arrival, staff will be there to meet and greet pupils warmly in the **Main Foyer**. Everyone will then make their way to the **Assembly Hall**, where they will be officially welcomed by the **Principal**. After this, pupils will be guided by their **Form Teacher** to their registration room, where they'll learn more about the daily routine, what to expect in the year ahead, and have the chance to ask any questions. They'll also be given a tour of the school to help them feel comfortable and confident in their new surroundings. Pupils will then begin some of their timetabled classes.

Our **school canteen** will be open at **break and lunchtime**, and pupils are welcome to bring their own snack or lunch, or bring money for the **tuck shop or canteen**. School buses will also be running as normal on this day.

We know starting a new school can feel like a big step, but please be assured that we are here to support every pupil and help them settle in with care and encouragement.

Helpful items to bring to school

To help your child feel prepared and confident each day, it's a good idea to have the following items packed in their school bag:

- A sturdy school bag to carry books and belongings
- A pencil case to keep everything organised
- Pens – black or blue for writing, and a green pen for editing or marking
- Pencils for drawing or note-taking
- Colouring pencils for creative tasks and subjects
- A 30cm ruler
- A highlighter to help with revising key information
- A rubber and sharpener
- A calculator – the Maths Department will provide more information on the type needed
- Flash cards – these are great for helping with revision and memory work

We understand that getting organised for school can feel like a big step, but these small items can make a big difference in helping your child feel ready for learning. If there are any difficulties in getting equipment, please don't hesitate to reach out – we're here to help.



Safeguarding and Medical

Safeguarding

At Clounagh, we are fully committed to keeping every child safe. Our **Child Protection (Safeguarding) Policy** outlines clear procedures for staff to follow if they are concerned about a pupil's safety or wellbeing. If needed, we will contact the appropriate agencies and offer support to those involved. A copy of the policy is available from the school office.

Staff with special responsibility for Child Protection are:

- **Mrs J Sutton** – Designated Teacher
- **Mrs K Patterson, Mrs J Bled** – Deputy Designated Teachers
- **Mrs E Gillanders** – Designated Governor for Child Protection
- **Mr P Elliott** - Principal

Please know that your child's safety is our highest priority

Medical information

Parents/guardians must inform the school of any medical conditions and update us if anything changes.

A medical information form will be given to all pupils – please complete it carefully.

Pupils who use an inhaler **must** bring it to school and PE lessons. A spare, in-date inhaler (clearly labelled) is recommended.

An emergency inhaler is available in school, but a permission form must be completed before it can be used.

Pupils who carry their own medication must have a **Self Medication** form completed and returned to their Form Teacher.

Staff can provide basic First Aid, but parents should seek medical advice as needed if a child is unwell.

Please inform the school of any changes to contact details. It's vital we can reach you if your child is unwell.

Transportation

Bus Schedule

BUS SCHEDULE FOR ANNAGHMORE ROUTE

(Yellow Board Bus)

7.35am	Teagy Road
7.40am	Annaghmore Station(Molly Stones)
7.45am	Annaghmore Housing Estate (Moss Road)
7.47am	Vallely's Pub
7.50am	Kesquin Bridge
7.55am	Tullyroan Bridge
7.57am	Derryscollop Orange Hall
8.00am	Summerisland Orange Hall
8.03am	Address Crossroads
8.05am	Redmonds Corner
8.10am	Richmount Primary School

BUS SCHEDULE FOR LOUGHGALL ROUTE (Yellow Board Bus)

7.50am	Loughgall Post Office
7.55am	Red Lion Crossroads
7.57am	Dan Winter's Cottage
8.05am	Scotch Street

TheTaxibusserviceforMilltown/Ahorey has been replaced by board bus from Richhill.

BUS SCHEDULE FOR BIRCHES ROUTE

Route 1:

7.30am	TartaraghanRoad
7.40am	Cloncarrish Road
7.45am	Derrylileagh Road
7.50am	Derryvinney Road
7.55am	Clonmakate Road
8.00am	Birches Roundabout

Route 2:

7.30am	Drumgoose Road
7.33am	Corbrachy Road
7.35am	Derrycarne Road
7.40am	Derrymacfal IRoad
7.45am	Farlough Road
7.50am	Cloncore Road
7.52am	Dungannon Road

Bus Schedule Continued

Richhill (Direct)

YELLOW BOARD BUS (2Buses in morning, 2 in Afternoon) Large Bus

7.50 am	Allens Corner
7.55 am	Richill Square
7.56 am	White City
8.00 am	Stonebridge

SMALL BUS - Richhill

7.50am	Hamiltonsbawn Rd Junction
7.55am 08.00am	Ahorey
08.00am	Markethill/Portadown Rd
	Derryhale

ULSTERBUS SERVICES

Tandragee Road

Depart 08.00 am from Hampton's Corner (Tandragee Road) Via main Tandragee Road, Thomas Street and Carleton Street.

PLEASE NOTE:

Children only require bus passes if they are travelling on an Ulsterbus. These will be distributed on the first day of term.

We would encourage parents to reinforce the importance of pupils behaving responsibly when travelling to and from school.

APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SHOULD NOW BE COMPLETED **ONLINE** VIA THE EA WEBSITE AT www.eani.org.uk/transportapp

ANY QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR FRED WILKINSON OR MS MARY MCGUIRK – EA – Southern Region, 028 3741 5399

SHOULD A CHILD MOVE HOUSE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY FOR TRANSPORT.

Mindful eating

The school actively encourages both parents and pupils to support our young people to develop an increased awareness of the importance of making informed choices with regard to healthy eating. Our policy is consistent with advice issued by DENI, and the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland.

KEY POINTS:

- To encourage healthy eating/drinking within school.
- To draw attention to our existing ban on nuts and nut products.**
- To accommodate pupils who may have specific dietary requirements.
- To reinforce our current ban on fizzy drinks and chewing gum.



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