



Parents Association AGM

November 8th 2021



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Tipperary ETB-Borrisokane Community College

What is the ETB Ethos?

ETB schools are state, co-educational, multid denominational schools underpinned by the core values of:

1. Excellence in Education
2. Care
3. Equality
4. Community
5. **Respect**





Return to School 2022/2023

- ▶ Teaching back to normal
- ▶ Students can work together in classes
- ▶ Students move from class to class
- ▶ All students on break together
- ▶ Extra curricular activities back to normal

- ▶ Online meetings for all year groups in September – positive feedback from parents

- ▶ Parent Teacher Meetings – as normal in the Sports Hall. Encourage parents to bring student. More inclusive.

- ▶ Reminder in relation to illness – students should not attend school if ill.



Junior and Leaving Certificate 2023

- ▶ Some minor adjustments to subjects at Leaving Certificate.
- ▶ Junior Certificate – Reduction in number of Classroom Based Assessments.
- ▶ Junior Certificate – Students do not have to complete the Assessment Task.

Junior Cycle Grading

Examinations

Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)

Classroom Based Assessments

- **Exceptional**
- **Above Expectations**
- **In Line with Expectations**
- **Yet to Meet Expectations**


Assessment Policy

- ▶ Reviewed during 2020/2021 – on school website.

Year Group	Monthly Assessments	Examinations	Extended Report on Eportal
First Year	Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr	May/June	January and June
Second Year	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr	May/June most subjects	January and June
Third Year	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr	October and February	November and March
Transition Year	Note: Credits awarded in each subject in December and May		January and June
Fifth Year	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr	November and May/June	December and June
Sixth Year	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr	October and February	November and March




EPortal

- ▶ Check Regularly
 - ▶ Student Timetable
 - ▶ Monthly Assessments
 - ▶ Progress Reports
 - ▶ Behaviour Records
 - ▶ Attendance Records
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Uniform


- ▶ Priority this year
 - ▶ Students must have full school uniform.
 - ▶ PE Uniform allowed on school days but must have full PE uniform.
 - ▶ Don't have full PE uniform then wear regular uniform and change for PE class.
 - ▶ School Jacket only on school grounds
 - ▶ Girls skirts knee length minimum.
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Other Priorities this year.

- ▶ Attendance and Punctuality
 - ▶ Must be on time for school and class.
 - ▶ Students arriving late will be given written work as a sanction.
 - ▶ If genuine reason for late please send in a note

 - ▶ Signing Out
 - ▶ Keep to a minimum
 - ▶ Parents/Adult to collect students
 - ▶ Send in message on App for leaving early and absence.

 - ▶ Mobile Phone Policy
 - ▶ New Policy working very well.
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One Good School - Plan for this Year

- ▶ Staff completed one course in August and one further course during the year.
- ▶ All Students - **Let's Talk Sure Why Not? An online course for young people**
- ▶ Transition Year Students will receive training on a Peer Education Programme.
- ▶ 1st, 2nd and 3rd year – Peer Education sessions from Transition Year Students.
- ▶ Sixth Year Students – Workshop delivered by Jigsaw Staff – My Mental Health What Helps.
- ▶ Fifth and Sixth Year Students – Managing Exam Stress
- ▶ Parents – courses and webinars online – LearnUpon Portal

One Good School - Jigsaw

Accessing the LearnUpon Portal for One Good School

Here are some quick steps to support you to sign up to the One Good School LearnUpon Portal so that you can access courses, webinar sign-ups and other resources.

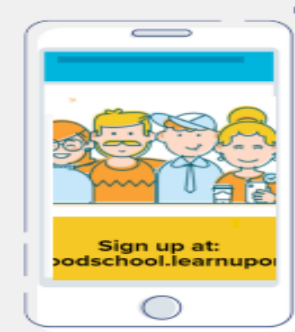
1.To create a One Good School Jigsaw account use this link <https://onegoodschool.learnupon.com> and click SIGN UP NOW.

2.If you already have an account on another Jigsaw portal you can simply sign in at <https://onegoodschool.learnupon.com> using your email and pre-existing password.

3.If you can't remember your password, please click on FORGOT PASSWORD on the sign in page and an email will be sent to reset it.


4.If you create an account and you see this then you already have an account and should follow step 3.

5.Enjoy your One Good school content!



Failed to create user as the email address is either invalid or already taken. If you have an account, [click here to login](#).

Example of Course for Parents



Mental Health Awareness for Parents/Guardians

Mental Health Awareness for Parents/Guardians Online Course
★★★★★

This 45 minute course for parents/guardians aims to raise awareness about young people's mental health and identify practical strategies that you can put into practice to best support your child.

☰ 2 Modules ★ 22 Reviews ● Certificate ➡ Start

Planning Priorities for School Year 2022/2023:

- Focus on Teaching and Learning : Assessment for Learning – using **Learning Intentions** and emphasis on **co-creating success criteria** and recording oral **feedback**. Use **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** strategies to complement L&T where practical.
- In the area of **Wellbeing** roll out the Helping Hands Programme across the school coordinated through the **Mentoring System**.
- Implement the Action Plan for the **Jigsaw – One Good School Initiative**.
- Further develop actions for **Sustainability** – TAKE1 and WWGS Programmes.
- In the **Digital Learning** area continue to integrate **Microsoft Teams** and OneNote with all staff and students. Integrate **iPads at senior cycle**.
- **As I am Friendly School** initiatives by creating a structure which fosters a **culture** that is **inclusive** of autistic students.
- Continue the **European Projects** – Erasmus+, E-twinning.
- Continue the promotion of **STE(A)M** across the school.
- Develop a **Creative School Plan** to promote the arts and culture areas.
- Continue to Develop the **Active Schools Programme**
- **Review school policies** in the following areas
 - ❑ Review **Guidance Plan**
 - ❑ Review **Code of Behaviour**
 - ❑ Review **Critical Incident Policy**
 - ❑ **Parent Surveys and discussion at Parent Committee Meetings**


Child Protection

Mandatory Template 3: Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: Parents, Staff, Students and Community of Borrisokane Community College

The Board of Management of Borrisokane Community College wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of June 23rd 2022.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website www.education.ie

Signed  Date 23/6/22.

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 23/6/2022

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management



Fundraising last year.

- ▶ Non-uniform day for North Tipperary Hospice €1000
- ▶ Trick or Treat for Temple Street Hospital €855,
- ▶ Collection for Ukraine - €1077,
- ▶ Novas Sleepout - €1370,
- ▶ Leaving Certificate Applied Class Bake Sale for Irish Cancer Society - €270.
- ▶ As I Am Autism Charity Collection - €365,
- ▶ Mark Pollock Run in the Dark €540

- ▶ This year non uniform day for Hospice - €1200
- ▶ Caretaker Ger Maher Camino Walk - €6000 so far.




Keep up to date with Activities.

- ▶ School Website – www.borrisokanecc.ie
 - ▶ Twitter - @BorrisokaneCC
 - ▶ Facebook – Borrisokane Community College - @BorrisokaneCC
 - ▶ Instagram – Borrisokane Community College
 - ▶ School App – iclass. Download details on school website
Code RT@7T4
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Additional Facilities

- ▶ Student numbers increased now to 650+
 - ▶ Autism Centre – now three classes – 18 students.
 - ▶ Tender process in operation for three Temporary Accommodation Units.
 - ▶ Design process to commence shortly for Additional Permanent Accommodation – 7 classrooms – Practical, General and Special Needs Classrooms
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Thanks to Parents Association for Support

- ▶ Supervised study
- ▶ Buses
- ▶ Views on Policies under development
- ▶ Student Activities
- ▶ Thanks to families who support PA activities through payment of Family levy.
- ▶ Members of Board of Management – Dave and Deirdre.
- ▶ Thanks to Officers of Parents Committee – Jenny, Deirdre, Paula.
- ▶ Thanks to all members of the Parent Body in Borrisokane Community College for supporting the school and its activities.

- ▶ Thanks to all parents for feedback in relation to surveys we carried out over past year.



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