



Coláiste Chú Chulainn

Student Support Structure



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Form Tutor: The Form Tutor is the first point of contact for the student and parents if a student is worried or experiencing difficulty.

Year Head: The Year Head promotes student wellbeing. They monitor and make interventions on students' school experience. They instil ambitious standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, organisation, and behaviour which all promote and facilitate academic excellence.

Guidance Counsellor: The guidance counsellors help students to make informed subject and career choices that reflect their areas of interest and aptitude. They may be able to support a student at a time of particular need.

Principal / Deputy Principals: The Principal and Deputy Principals have overall responsibility for the care of all students in our school. They aim to provide a supportive, inclusive, and disciplined learning environment which facilitates all pupils to reach their full potential.

Teachers, Special Needs Assistants and Support Staff: All school staff have an awareness of the variety of needs of our students. They are open to support students in an appropriate manner and support other staff in understanding and supporting these needs.

Student Support Teams: These teams meet at senior and junior school level. They review referrals from staff and decide on the most appropriate supports and action.

School Completion Programme Staff: This colleague supports a small number of student on an intensive basis in order to manage complex cases that hinder attendance.

Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator: Mr Cumiskey is our HSCL. He works closely with families to build positive relations between home and school. His work supports attendance, student retention and better academic outcomes for students.

Student Council: Every class group elects a council member. They meet and discuss school procedures and promote the school vision and ethos.

Student Ambassadors: Ambassadors are senior students who are appointed for their unique talents in leading the student body in various projects.

Sports Teams and Clubs: We know that the best results in exams area chieved by the students with best attendance. The best attendance is for students who participate in sports and clubs. Being a member of a team or club helps your student communicate, collaborate, and achieve.

Families: Parents and guardians are the primary educators and support for students. Families support young people by caring for the student, encouraging them and having ambition for the student in their academic, sporting, social and citizenship journeys.

Well Wall: All school community members can post and take a positive message on our Well Wall.



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Parents coming to school.

School welcomes all members of our community. Our co-operation is important for young people's education.

Meetings are best organised in advance.

School organises Parent Teacher Meetings in person for all year groups and 2 parent seminars per year group, to meet the year head and discuss relevant matters for that group.

We keep students safe by:

Having a strict Code of Behaviour

Having an Anti-Bullying Policy

Having vigilant supervision at breaks and between classes

Having many sports and after school clubs and events

Students feel respected in school:

By having a class tutor, Year Head

By having a Guidance Counsellor and Home School Liaison Teacher

By having a Student Council and Ambassador

By having free supplies of sanitary products available in girls bathrooms

By having caring canteen, cleaning, teaching, care and administration staff

On our website we have information about:

Our Anti Bullying Policy

Our Child Safeguarding Statement

A Contact Us portal to send messages to school.

We teach your student about:

Our Anti Bullying Policy in Anti Bullying Week and through the journal.

Social and Personal Skills

Relationships and Sexual Education

When you have a concern about your child being bullied, you can:

Contact school to meet the Year Head and / or Guidance Counsellor

When you have a concern about the welfare or protection of a student in school, you can:

Contact school to inform Mr Sharkey and Ms O'Neill who are the Designated Liaison Persons

School will respond to your contact and arrange appropriate action asap.

All relevant policies about safety, security, bullying, Relationships and Sexual Education, can be found on our website www.colaistecc.ie