

SCHOOL APP FOR PARENTS IN SCOIL OILIBHÉIR

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school is delighted to announce that we will shortly roll out the Aladdin Schools Connect, school app, to parents/guardians of children in our school. We already use the Aladdin Schools software service from www.aladdin.ie for administrative purposes.

This upgrade is an effort to enhance our communication with our parents and to provide you with quick access to information from school. It will also reduce costs to the school as it will eliminate the need to photocopy yellow notes to parents, send texts etc..

We are rolling the app out in a basic form initially but, once we expand it Aladdin Connect will enable parents to stay connected and informed about your child's education by:

- Ensuring that the school has your most **up to date contact information**
- Allowing schools to gather **permission(s)** from parents
- Keeping parents up to date on **school and classroom news** via noticeboard messages
- Allowing parents to view what items their child had for **homework** today
- Keeping parents up to date on what **library book** their child is currently reading and if it is due/overdue to be returned
- Allowing parents view their child's approved **report card**
- Giving parents the option to opt in to share contact information with their child's classmates' parents via the Parent Privacy option for the **class list**.

Along with strengthening our home/school partnership, we also envisage Aladdin Connect helping the school by:

- Helping to reduce the amount of **class/school notes being sent home**
- Helping the school/ teachers **communicate** with parents when the need arises
- **Reducing costs** by eliminating the need to send school report cards by post
- **Reducing costs** by reducing the number of text messages that need to be sent

You can rest reassured that Aladdin Schools uses state-of-the-art security to safeguard information entered by the school and data is stored and processed in strict compliance with Irish and European data protection laws.

In the next few days, you will **receive a text/email message** containing your **registration link**. There will be one link per parent which will allow the parent to access information for all their children in the school from one user account. Please do not forward this text/email or share this link as this is a unique registration code for each parent for your child/children in this school. During registration you will choose a password that will be used in conjunction with your email address to securely access the Aladdin Connect going forward. If you choose you may share your own contact details with other parents of children in the same class as your children, but please be reassured that this information will **not** be shared unless you choose to share it. Once you are registered you will be sent an email with links to download the Aladdin Connect App for your mobile device. The main advantage of using the App is to receive immediate alerts for app messages sent by your school. Downloading the App is highly recommended to enhance both the parent and school's Connect experience.

In preparation for this please let the school know if your email address or phone number has changed recently, by emailing secretary@scoilolibheir.ie.

Please note: If there are any personal concerns, or legal provisions in place regarding giving access to Connect to any parent/guardian of your child please contact the school in confidence to discuss or restrict access as required.

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Principal