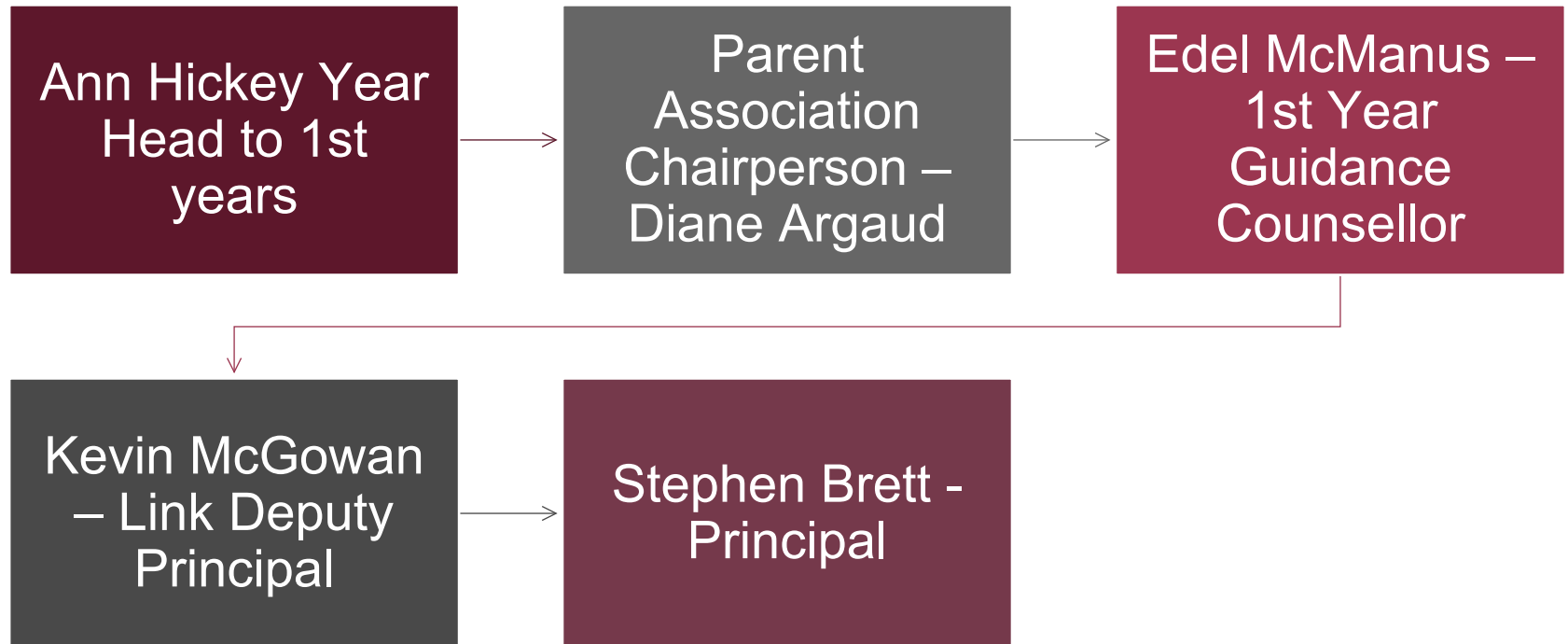


Principal's Welcome

- Meet some of the people supporting your son/daughter
- Outline important issues to help your son/daughter get full benefit from their time here in Lucan Community College
- This presentation will be uploaded to our website



Presenters



Subject
Teacher

Líonra/Prefect
Teams

Student
Council Reps.

SNA Team

AEN Team

Tutors

Year Head

Guidance
Team

Deputy
Principals

Principal

Support & Care Structure



Parents
Association

Parents' Association

Diane Argaud

Lucan Community College Parents Association: What we do.

- To promote the interests of students in the school
- Policy Consultation and provide parental feedback on crucial school policies
- Fundraising to organise events to raise money for non-academic facilities, sports equipment, music, or drama.
- Supporting and organising events, e.g. the Debs, talk to parents.



Recent event hosted by the
parents' association - Rory
O'Connor "Rory's Stories"
9th September 2024



Benefits of our PA

- Learn more about what goes on in school
(especially if your son/daughter forgets to tell you!)
- Keep up to date on what's planned
- Connect with parents & teachers

How can you get involve in the PA?

- We'd love you to attend our PA meetings. We meet about 5/6 times per year.
- Informative guest speaker at AGM
- Support our fundraising activities
- Join our announcement WhatsApp channel
- Please follow on Facebook and Instagram
- We are here to help, please send any questions to:
LCCparentassociation@gmail.com

Lucan Community College

Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play

Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4

or 3 Lines for €5

Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

Join now.

Scan the QR code or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc>

Guidance Service

Lucan Community College

Edel Mc Manus

1st Year Guidance Counsellor

Transition from Primary to Post Primary School

- Recognised as a crucial stage in a young person's schooling
- Can influence their subsequent academic, personal development and social confidence



Guidance Service in Lucan CC

Guidance Counsellors work as part of a large Team (Tutors, Year Head & Additional Education Needs Team), to support the students.

The guidance role supports students in their educational, vocational and personal choices.

In 1st year, the role is to help students to settle into post-primary school.

Confidentiality

Contract made with the student

What is said to the Guidance Counsellor is confidential. However, if we feel that the young person or someone else is at risk, we inform the Principal, Parents/Guardians and may make an external referral if required.

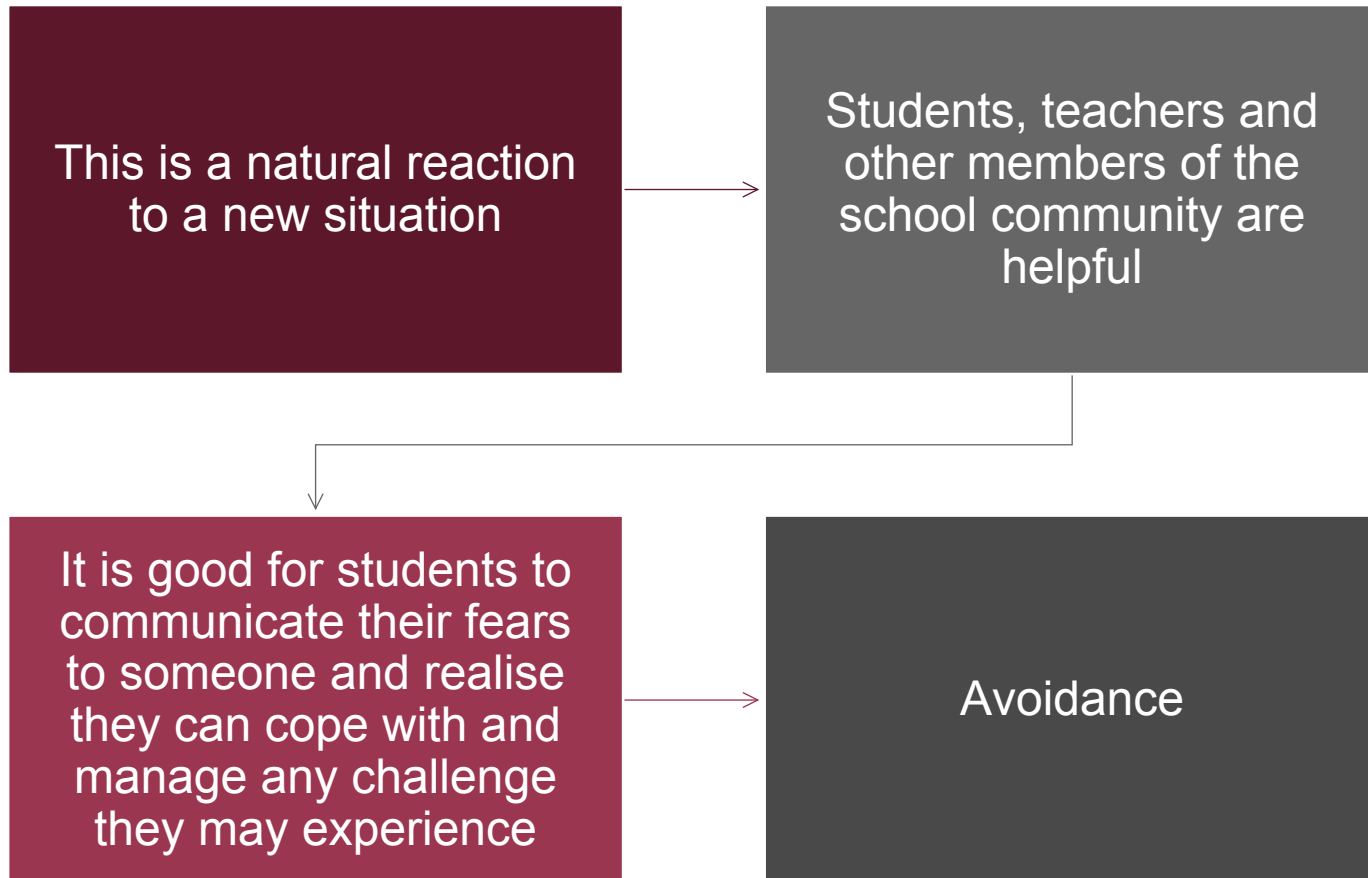
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with the
Guidance
Counsellor**

Tutor/ Year Head

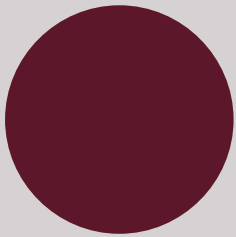
Self- referral

Parent/Guardian can
contact Guidance
Counsellor directly

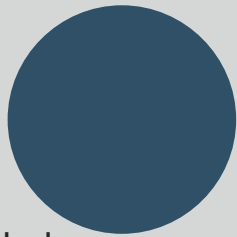
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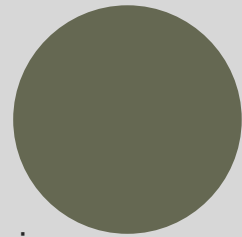
What Can Parents/Guardians do ?



Talk



Acknowledge



Boundaries

What can Parents/Guardians do?

Encourage

Encourage your child to get involved in school life



Encourage

Encourage a healthy lifestyle (sleep, **hobbies**, use of technology)



Address

Address problems **as soon as possible**
(regarding homework, friends, behaviour)

What can Parents/Guardians do?

Homework timetable- try to get homework completed within a certain time

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Help students to get organised

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Communicate with the school if there is a problem



Resources for Parents

- **jigsaw.ie** - range of e-learning resources that cover topics around mental health support and issues such as school avoidance.
- **Department of Education** - [tps://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/publications/resources-for-parents/](https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/publications/resources-for-parents/) - wellbeing and cyberbullying
- **Barnardos** - <https://barnardos.ie/resources/parents/>

Educational Supports

Majority of students will progress to Higher/Further Education/Apprenticeships etc.

Parents are encouraged to disclose to **AEN** Department in school if your child has learning difficulties

Encouraged to avail of supports in school

Academic support offered by 3rd level institutions

Pastoral Care

Lucan Community College

Ann Hickey

First Year, Year Head



LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TUTOR GROUPS



Heather



Clover



Hawthorn



Aster



Primrose



Juniper



RESPECT



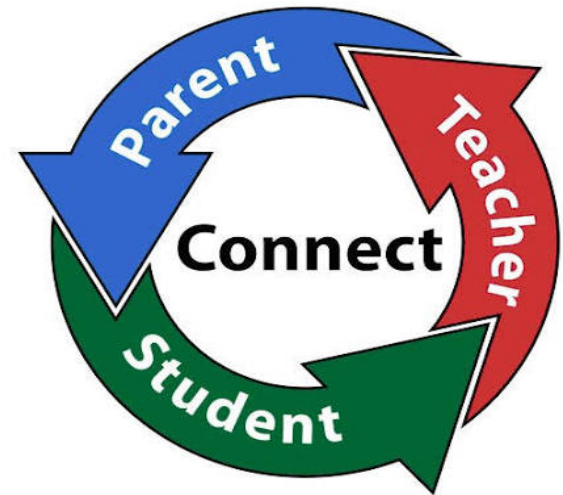
COMMUNITY



EXCELLENCE

Welcome: Our Shared Goal

- **Our aim is to help students:**
 - Achieve their academic potential
 - Develop resilience and independence
 - Build positive relationships
 - Use social media responsibly
 - Grow into respectful and kind young adults
- **Key Message:** *"Success is greatest when students, parents and teachers work together."*



High Achievement Through Good Habits

What Makes the Difference?

Parents can support success by encouraging:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Consistent homework and study routines
- Good sleep and organisation
- Effort and perseverance



Key Message: *"Focus on effort, habits and progress, not just grades."*

Responsibility

Ready to learn

Check timetable

Organise
books/resources

Journal
—following the
homework policy
p31/32

Use of Journal

- ☛ Means of communication between school and home
- ☛ Policies and permits – please ensure that you have signed in their journal
- ☛ N.B. check regularly and sign weekly
- ☛ Parents should not use TEAMS to contact teachers
- ☛ No overly detailed or personal notes in journal please

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French															Learn colours pg.21 - practise using Quizlet link in Teams.													15 ✓	
Science															Draw and label Digestive System. Pg.18. Test Thursday.													15 ✓	
Technology															Draw figure Pg.8 & label.													10 ✓	
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Healthy Eating

- Carbonated (fizzy) or high-energy drinks are not allowed at any time.
- Chewing gum is not allowed.
- Water is encouraged, water fountain for student use – student should bring a bottle to school
- Healthy options encouraged whilst less healthy options particularly snack foods high in fat, sugar and salt are discouraged e.g. crisps, chocolate, sweets.
- Encourage students to make their own lunches.
- No nuts in school please - allergies
- The healthy eating policy is now available on the website.

Student Responsibility

- Uniform & PE Uniform
- School Coat only – non-school coats will be confiscated.
- Punctuality — being on time reduces stress.
- Attendance – being in school = success with learning & feeling connected.
- No mobile phones/electronic devices visible in school. ONLY WITH TEACHER PERMISSION IN CLASS
- Toilet Breaks – at breaktimes
- Communication – talk to Tutor / Ms. Hickey/ Mr. McGowan



Building Resilience



Secondary school will bring:

- Academic challenges
- Friendship issues
- New responsibilities

Parents can help by:

- Listening before intervening
- Encouraging problem-solving
- Allowing children to learn from mistakes
- Promoting independence and self-advocacy

Key Message: *"Resilient young people are prepared for life, not protected from every difficulty."*

Partnership & Social Media

We ask parents to:

- Communicate concerns early
- Support school expectations
- Encourage students to speak to teachers

Encourage your child to:

- Think before posting
- Never share images/videos without consent
- Treat others respectfully online
- Balance screen time with real-world activities

Key Message: *"The messages children receive from home and school should be consistent."*



Respect & Kindness

We want our students to be:

- Respectful
- Kind
- Responsible
- Inclusive

Parents & teachers play a vital role by:

- Modelling respect
- Encouraging empathy
- Celebrating kindness
- Holding high expectations



Final Thought

Our goal is not only successful students, but resilient, respectful and responsible young people. Together, we can help them flourish."



**Deputy Principal
Kevin McGowan**

Communication with school

- Use the Tyro App
- Journal (note from home)
- phone or email front office (absences) *school office 016282077 or email Admin@lucancc.ie*
- Ensure email and current phone number is on our system Tyro (for SMS messages), nominate a contact person in case of emergency
- Connect to our (@LucanCC1) Instagram and school website for school information *www.lucancc.ie*
- Regular news articles and information on website

Lucan Community College @Lucancc1 · Sep 12 · Promote
1st Years are settling in well to life in Lucan Community College. H
Mr Carey's 1st Year Graphics class on their 'Team build and descri
Geometry' Assignment. Excellent teamwork, built structure and descri
descriptions... Geometry is all around us!

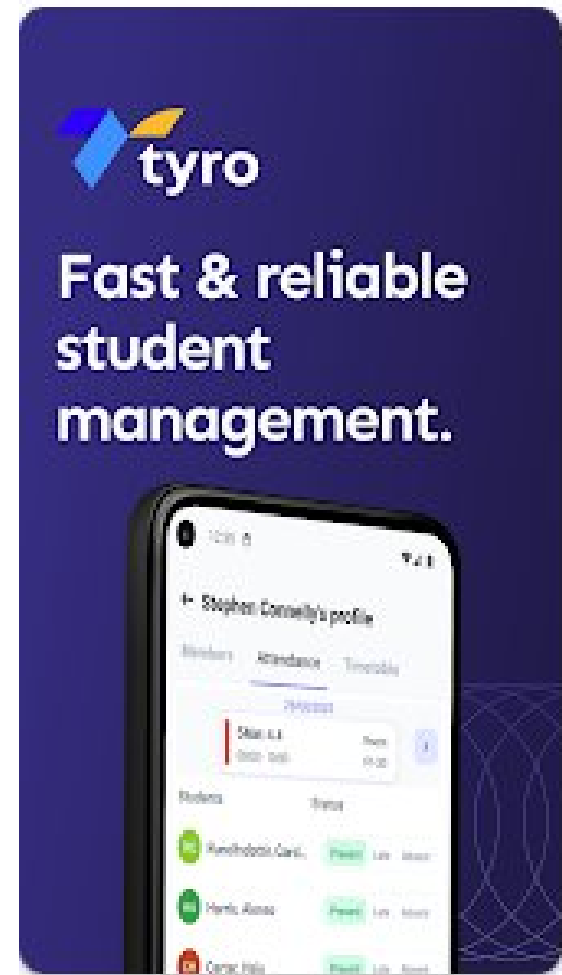


Lucan Community College @Lucancc1 · Sep 20 · Promote
Our First Year Social Walk took place today. Thanks to the First Year Tutor
team, Glais leadership team and Year Head Mr. Carey for organising a
great day out! #Wellbeing @LucAssoc @Glais1999



Tyro app for Parents/Guardians

- Tyro is our student information system for student data, timetables, results, attendance, and behaviour comments.
- Contact the school and an invite will be sent to you to download the App
- Parents should check Tyro regularly to monitor attendance, punctuality and progress PLUS inform the school of absences
- Tyro is also found on our website homepage – www.lucancc.ie



Payments

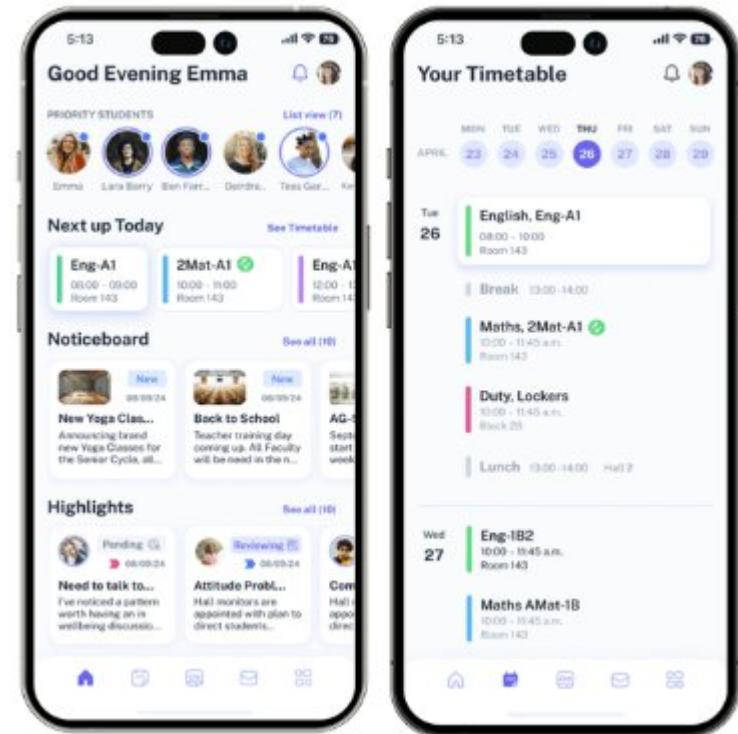
Tyro

Office 365

This is how the TYRO mobile app looks for a parent:

You will see your child's name

- Attendance
- Assessment
- Timetable
- Click into each one to see more detail



Tyro, Absence & Attendance

Reporting an Absence

- Submit absences through Tyro
- Before 8:30am where possible
- Keep details brief
- Inform tutor/class teacher

Notifications

- Parents notified of unexplained absences
- Sent after 9am and 2pm
- Use Tyro to avoid alerts

Leaving Early

- Request via Tyro before 8:30am
- Sign out at Reception
- Catch up on missed work

Punctuality

- Classes begin 8:50am
- Arrive 5 minutes early
- Late arrivals sign in
- 2 lates = detention

Key Message: Regular attendance and good punctuality are essential for student success.

The Tyro App helps parents and the school work together.

Attendance and punctuality

"Every School Day Counts"

- 💡 Regular attendance and punctuality avoids work being missed which may lead to stress.
- 💡 Arrange for your child to have a class buddy who can send on any work missed during absent days so they do not fall behind
- 💡 Ensure student keeps a regular check on Microsoft Teams for each of your subjects
- 💡 Dental and G.P. appointments, if possible, after school.
- 💡 20 days absence = TUSLA referral (statutory obligation)

Important dates for Assessments and Feedback

- Ongoing formative assessment/class tests (please talk to student & check journal regularly)
- *Formal assessments and feedback (provisional dates):*
 - **Wednesday 18th Nov – Tues 24th Nov:** Assessment Week
 - Term one report before the Christmas break - Tyro
 - **Thursday 11th Feb 2027 3:45-6:15** – 'in person' Parent Teacher Meeting held in the college.
 - Final report during June - Tyro



**Principal
Mr Stephen Brett**

- **School Building:** *Phase 1 opening during this term. Remainder of project due – AEN unit, new gym, new student canteen/seating and general and practical classrooms (art, T4, home economics and science) & existing building refurb.*
- **TYRO App:** Required for all absences communication from home and from us to you (absences, lates, appointments)
- **FREE School Books:** Reduces cost burden on parents. Most books have an ebook version – this can reduce the need to bring all books home each day (weight of bag)
- **Student Devices:** Currently no student devices for Junior Cycle. 5th years have student devices for the new LC course – we will discuss details with parents in TY about this
- **Siblings Admission Process:** applications open online on 1st Oct for students currently in 6th class primary – closed on October 23rd.

Key reminders for Day-to-Day school life:

- Students arrive at least **5 minutes** before class starts – need to go to lockers and get to their room – latest arrival should be **8.45am**
- Parents – please no dropping or collecting from outside gates (**double yellow lines – student safety issue**)
- Bikes – students should use a helmet and get off bike at the school gate (**good lock is needed – bike theft is possible if locks are poor quality!**)
- **No Electric Scooters** permitted in the school grounds
- **Mobile phones are not permitted** – should be switched off and out of sight (student responsibility). Currently consulting on full school ban with pouches for all.
- **Crested school coat is required** – our building has outdoor corridors and courtyards – need a school coat to stay warm all year round!

Finances



Payments

Tyro

Office 365

School Services Contribution

covers the 24-hour student insurance scheme, parental messaging system, photocopying, postage, class materials, lockers and other essential items inc. extra-curricular activities and student clubs.

Student Services Contribution is €150 for the first student enrolled and €75 for each additional family member enrolled in the school

Payment are made online through
our school website

Some additional costs may be
requested for educational class
trips/events/etc.

Anti-Bullying Policy (Bí Cineálta - Be Kind)

- 🧠 School Anti-bullying policy - Bí Cineálta - available on school website
- 🧠 Aim is to address all bullying behaviours and prevent them from re-occurring
- 🧠 Every student should feel free from bullying and intimidation

Preventative Strategies

- 🧠 Whole-school responsibility for bullying – fosters a telling culture
- 🧠 SPHE classes & Pastoral Care Time focus
- 🧠 Building positive relationships programme
- 🧠 PA events/Student Council/Awareness weeks – this week is our Bí Cineálta week!





Bí Cineálta Policy

We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.



What is bullying?

Bullying behaviour is when someone **keeps** being mean or hurtful to others on **purpose** over and over **again**.



Is it bullying?

Is it **targeted**?

Is it **harmful**?

Is it **repeated**?

If you think that **you** are being bullied or **someone else** is being bullied, you need to **tell a teacher** or another adult that you **trust**.



If a student tells a staff member that they think they are being bullied, we will:



Talk with the student

Ask the student what they want to happen

Work out a **plan** together

Talk to the parents/guardians if needed

Talk to the other student(s) involved

A problem shared is a problem halved



Who can you report to?

- Parents/Guardians
- Teachers
- Tutors/Year Heads
- SNAs
- Guidance Counsellors

They will know what to do and how to help.



Get help!

Tell someone!

What types of bullying are there?

Physical bullying: Physically interacting with someone else in a harmful way

Verbal Bullying: Name calling, threatening or teasing

Social Bullying: Spreading rumours, encouraging exclusion or purposefully embarrassing someone

Cyber Bullying: Using the internet to deliberately hurt someone's feelings

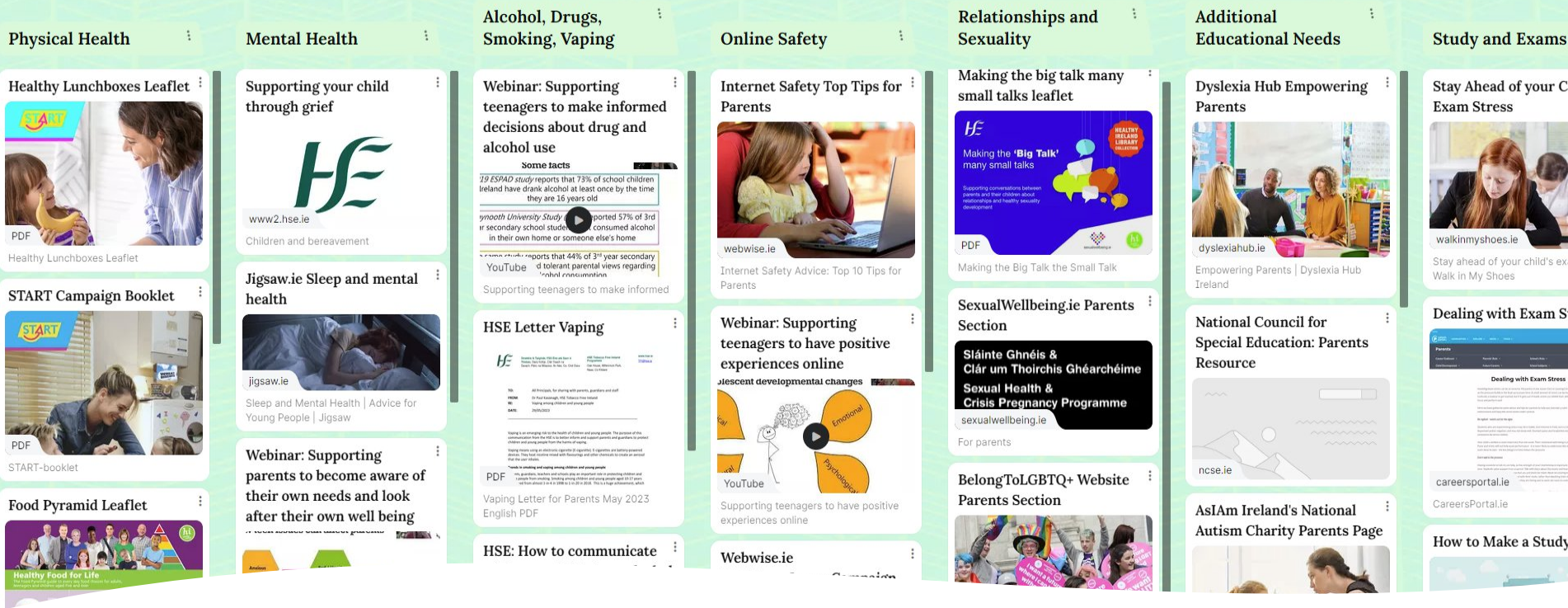


Importance of Wellbeing in Lucan Community College

School can be both exciting and challenging - student wellbeing is essential

We are guided by our ETB core values of care, community, excellence in education, equality, respect – CARE is paramount in all that we do.

We strive to create an environment where all of our students can achieve their potential in a supportive learning environment



Wellbeing in School

On our website, **Lucancc -> Parent/Guardian -> Student Wellbeing** area, there is a link posted for a padlet, essentially an online noticeboard for parents.

Here, parents can find lots of resources for physical health, healthy eating, online safety, etc. as well as some other wellbeing topics. Tons of really useful guides!

- <https://padlet.com/embed/yqmmoogthgpaav3>

**Thank you for attending this evening.
We will remain behind to answer questions.**

