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September Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Imminent Change to School Car Park Entrance and Exit

The Community Centre is due to open on Sunday the 4th of October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome to attend. It will be a great occasion for the whole community and the result of many years of work by many people. Once opened, our school will have access to the centre during school time for P.E. lessons and other events.

However, the entry and exit to the car park will have to be reversed because of a condition of planning permission and the Building Control Acts. There are two issues:

1. Lines of sight are not sufficient at the current exit.
2. Buses currently coming into the school have to let children alight into traffic, rather than on to the path.

Planning permission was granted a number of years ago for the Community Centre and we were not aware of the condition when we reversed the entry and exit last year in an attempt to improve safety for children and adults.

However, a recent survey by the architect has highlighted the issue and, without the change, the community centre building cannot get sign off to open.

The final section of ground behind the school car park will be resurfaced with tarmacadam one day this week. On that day, line markings will go in for additional car park spaces, arrows to aid traffic flow will be put in place and the new entry and exit will also be marked.

The entry and exit points will change from the following day. I will communicate the change the evening before by text message to all families and other school car park related school users.

Staff and PA members will be in the car park to help with traffic flow on the first few days.

If you wish to walk your child to the gate, please drive to a parking space. Otherwise, please continue to use the drop and go facility.

School Closure Dates

We have received clarification from the Department of Education about school closures this year for staff curriculum training days:

1. Monday 7th December 2026
2. Monday 8th February 2027
3. There is one further date in the last term to be confirmed.

The additional dates have been added to the school calendar on our website www.slanens.ie

Kind regards,

Principal and Board of Management Secretary



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