

St Anne's Information on School Transport

School Transport Arrangements

Transport to and from school is approved by the NCSE and School Transport section of the Department of Education and Skills and provided through Bus Éireann.

Bus Éireann contract the work to independent taxi/bus operators. You will be informed via Bus Eireann which route your child is assigned to.

Escorting is provided by external bus escorts employed by the school's patron KARE. Bus Escorts are not the employee's of St Anne's School, specific queries relating to Bus Escorts must be directed through KARE.

The drivers are contracted by Bus Éireann. It is the responsibility of Bus Éireann to provide transport for our pupils between their homes and the school. Concerns arising from transport must be directed via Bus Eireann or Department of Education – School Transport.

It is the responsibility of the parents to bring their child to and from school for the following reasons:

- bus transport is unavailable
- their child has been suspended from their transport service by Bus Éireann
- their child is not ready within 3 minutes of the bus arriving to pick them up (waiting longer may cause upset to others)
- in the event that a bus escort is absent and no suitable substitute can be found
- Health and safety concern whereby there is a risk to your child, another child/driver/escort if the child travels on the bus.

Important Contacts

Department of Education School Transport Section

Address:

Department of Education, School Transport, Portlaoise Road, Tullamore, County Offaly, R35 Y2N5

Email: <u>school_transport@education.gov.ie</u> Phone number: (057) 932 5466 / 5467

Telephone Bus Éireann School Transport

Please telephone Bus Éireann if you require assistance at LoCall $\underline{0818\ 919\ 910}$. Operating hours are 09.00-17.00 Monday to Friday

Kare:

Telephone: (045) 448 700.