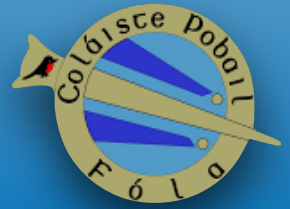


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support with our developing school. I would also like to thank our students for sharing their invaluable feedback regarding the school's approach to student behaviour. I am pleased to share with you the steps we are taking to ensure we continue to create a positive and supportive learning environment for our students here at Coláiste Pobail Fóla.

Our positive behaviour committee has been working very hard to highlight the importance of recognising and reinforcing all the positive behaviour and valuable contributions our students are making to our school community. We believe it is crucial to celebrate the achievements and positive actions of our students.

As a result, we are implementing several new initiatives designed to highlight and reward the positive contributions of students in both academic and social settings. These efforts will include:

- 1. Positive Behaviour Recognition** – We will be introducing a more structured system of acknowledging good behaviour in the classroom and around the school. This may involve regular praise, certificates and other forms of recognition for students who uphold the core values and ethos of our school; Excellence in Education, Care, Inclusivity, Community and Respect.
- 2. Class or Year Group of the Term** – A new initiative will be introduced where student classes will be recognised monthly for their outstanding behaviour, academic progress, or contributions to the school community.
- 3. Parent-Teacher Communication** – We will make a concerted effort to ensure that parents are informed of their child's positive behaviours. You can expect to hear about your child's successes.

We at Coláiste Pobail Fóla, realise the importance of communication to you the parent/guardian about all the excellence progress your student(s) are making as part of our school community. In an effort to improve this we have chosen to introduce a new system to improve our parental communication and to give you greater visibility into student progress and behaviour. This new system is called **Satchel One**.

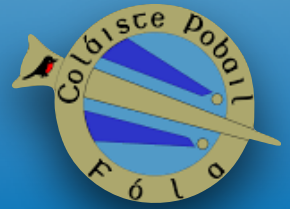
We'll be launching Satchel One on the 3rd of March.



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Why Satchel One?

Satchel One gives us a greater capability to record students behaviour in a clear and more user friendly manner. It allows us not only to award positive points to students but also award badges which students can collect for reaching specific milestones which allows us to further recognise students for their efforts in non academic and extra curricular activities.

In terms of communication, Satchel one will more easily allow us to communicate with you, the parent/guardian through its mobile app. Satchel One will allow us to more easily send out notifications of upcoming events, school closures and other school related notices.

During the week from the 3rd to the 7th of March after our launch, you will be provided with a parent code to create your personal parent / guardian account. This is linked to your child's account, where you will be able to see their behaviour and badges. You can log in via the mobile app to receive push notifications while on the move; this will also notify you of incidents and school announcements / events.

Satchel One can be downloaded from the play store or app store. Details and support on creating an account logging in will be provided on the school website over the coming week. There is a pin included with this letter. Please keep this safe as you will need it to gain access to view your child's behaviour. The students will also have their own accounts to view their points and badges and to promote a sense of ownership over their own behaviour.

Will I still use VsWare?

Yes, **there is still a requirement for the use of VsWare to log a Child's absence and to view term reports** however anything behaviour and announcement related will be via Satchel One.

What do I use for payment of trips/fees etc?

As always payment of fees, trips and other school related fees must be carried out using the MIT system. This can be accessed via the following link <https://ams.enrol.ie/cpfola/index.aspx>

Yours sincerely,
Joy Uí Mhurchadha
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