

1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son/daughter has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school this year. As such the school's policy on student drivers will have to be adhered to.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers. The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that St Oliver Post Primary School expects from student drivers. Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling.

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan Corcoran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Brendan Corcoran

Principal

# St Oliver Post Primary School

## Students Driving to School Policy

Any student that holds a valid full driver's licence who intends to drive to school (on either a regular or occasional basis), must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

### Aims:

- To closely monitor the student use of motor vehicles on the school premises.
- To minimise potential for risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles.

### Requirements for Students Driving Cars to School at St Oliver Post Primary School:

- Students must hold a full driver's license and be properly insured.
  - A student who is a learner driving cannot drive to school unaccompanied. Students who are learner drivers must have an appropriately qualified accompanying driver (that is, a person who has held a full driving licence in the same category for a continuous period of 2 years). If a learner driver is found driving without an appropriately qualified driver the learner driver has committed an offence and is liable for a fixed charge fine or penalty points, or both. (See the rules of the road <http://www.rsa.ie/en/>)
- Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner, including adhering to all school signage such as speed limits on school grounds.
- Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day.
- A copy of the Student's driver's licence details; insurance details; and car make must be recorded with the school.
- Students may only park in the designated parking area.
- Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling.
- Student drivers and a parent/guardian, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.
- Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving/parking privileges, the handing in of car keys to the school office on a daily basis; suspension, after school detention and parent meetings.
- Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the Gardaí.

## Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Colour and Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Permission

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to drive to school. I am aware of the rules of the road and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to adhere to the rules of the road and the requirements of St Oliver Post Primary School regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note: A photocopy of the student's driver licence and Insurance details must be attached to this form.**

### School Approval

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. St Oliver Post Primary School Board of Management Policy Ratification

Policy:	Student Drivers Policy
Date Ratified by the Board:	
Proposed By:	
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Signed:	(Chairperson, BOM)
Signed:	(Principal)