



14 Deireadh Fómhair 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Coláiste prides itself on providing a safe learning environment for both ár ndaltaí (our students) and ár bhfoireann (staff). Therefore, we are writing to remind and inform both you and your child about the dangers of fireworks.

The Criminal Justice Act 2006 declares that the following are offences:

- If you ignite a firework or cause it to be ignited in any place, you are guilty of an offence. The offence of igniting a firework can take place anywhere and not just in a public place. It can include the garden of a private house.
- If you throw, direct or propel an ignited firework at or towards someone else or at property, you are guilty of an offence.
- If you have a firework with the intention of selling or supplying it to someone else (and you don't hold a license to import it) you are guilty of an offence.

If you are found guilty of any of the above offences, you are liable:

- On summary conviction (in the District Court) to a maximum fine of €2,500 or to imprisonment for up to 6 months or to both.
- On conviction on indictment (in the Circuit Court) to a maximum fine of €10,000 or to imprisonment for up to 5 years or to both.

If they are found to have a firework in their possession parents/guardians will be contacted immediately along with **relevant authorities**. Immediate suspension will take place and their return to school will be dependent on the decision of an Príomhoide (the Principal) and Board of Management.

We are sure that you will fully endorse such action and encourage your child to avoid any contact with fireworks.

Is mise, le meas,

Sarah Ross

Acting Príomhoide