

CHILDCARE

We would like to remind you of our childcare policy which you will also find for your convenience on the school's website. Please take the time to read this as well as all of our other school policies.

Childcare

Childcare is the supervision given to your child when the school day ends. Your child's safety is important to you and it is important to the school. In similar private schools, children are expected to be collected immediately after school. In some schools, for example, children are left for pickup in a wrought iron enclosure with the security guard, when their parents do not arrive by three p.m.

No Cost Childcare

At Maria Regina, this supervision is at no cost to parents between 2.30 and 3.45 p.m. for the upper school and 2.00 to 3.00 p.m. for the Infant One class.

Two teachers are assigned to the upper school supervision and two for the Infants.

Children are expected to sit under the covered portico and await the arrival of parents, relatives and drivers. They are not permitted to leave the school compound to purchase snacks on the pavement or to cross the street without their parents.

Paid childcare

At Maria Regina paid childcare begins at 3.45 p.m for the upper school and 3.00pm for Infant Ones. This is a private arrangement whereby your child will be placed under the care of a teacher in the school Hall so that you can find him/her without stress or worry if you are not able to come to the school on time.

Pupils who are in clubs must now be picked up promptly when club finishes. Please check your club letter for these times. Thereafter, your child will be taken to the Hall to be supervised in paid childcare until your arrival.

Once again, I am asking those parents who have their children being taken up by drivers to insist on the highest standards of safety for their children. The children should not be made to sit on their lunch kits on the street corner awaiting the arrival of other pupils.

Childcare invoice

The teachers who are undertaking childcare will give you an invoice for the sum of 40 dollars for the first hour.

It is not expected that a parent will arrive after 5.30 p.m. However, the teacher will ensure that your child is safe until you arrive.

In the morning

The day security guard takes up duty at 6.00.a.m. We are asking parents not to drop their children off at this time. We expect pupils to arrive from 7.00.a.m. Supervision of pupils by two members of staff begins at 7.15 a.m. for Infants and 7.30 a.m for the upper school.

We appreciate that some parents use this morning time to have breakfast with their children, interact informally with teachers and to stay on for morning prayer.

As you may be aware, this is not allowed in many other private schools.

Unusual Situations

In those situations where there is a storm, flooding or any situation where it is publicly known that there is a traffic gridlock, the school administration, that is, the Principal and Vice Principal will supervise pupils until the last child is collected into the safekeeping of the parent.

This is not a paid childcare situation!

We keep an emergency supply of water and biscuits for such an occasion.

In any other extreme situations, pupils will be taken across to the Convent.