

# **Réalt na Mlara Girls' School**

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## **Policy on Birthday Invitations and Treats**

Birthday Invitations are not to be given out by the children while in school. Children who are disappointed at not being included in the invitation list can be left pre-occupied, and this in turn, affects concentration and learning.

The practice of leaving in a birthday cake/treats for sharing among all the pupils in the class is a new phenomenon. This request to share out the cake/treats is time consuming and results in a lot of time cleaning up afterwards. We must also be aware of food allergies and our healthy eating policy.

Children may also start placing expectations on their parents to send in a cake/treats for their birthdays.

From this year onwards, email addresses may be accessed for birthday invitations.

Ratified by the B.O.M.: *John Corbett*

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