



ALAN KELLY TD

SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL

Autumn 2015

Dear Constituent,

On numerous occasions, I have met with parents who have highlighted the costs of going back to school for their children. School requirements such as the wearing of brand specific shoes and tracksuits, sourcing of uniforms in specialist shops and the use of workbooks all add to the burden for parents.

I include other information on supports the Government has for families including Free GP Care, Clothing and Footwear Allowance and Labour's Childcare Campaign.

If you have any queries or if I can be of assistance with any matter please do not hesitate to contact me.



FREE GP CARE FOR UNDER 6'S

I would encourage parents whose children will benefit from the scheme to sign up.

Many people worry about the cost of bringing their child to the doctor and parents often have to bring young children to the doctor a couple of times a year. Free GP care for children under 6 will make a real difference to a family's budget.

HOW TO APPLY:

The registration process has now opened for free GP care for under 6s. Parents can register by logging onto www.gpvisitcard.ie.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance provided by the Dept of Social Protection helps meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school.

HOW TO APPLY:

The Department is now taking applications for the scheme which is open from June 1st to 30th September 2015. For further information go to welfare.ie or Locall 1890 66 22 44.

Alan Kelly TD

Minister for the Environment,
Community & Local Government

Tel: 050 524328
Email: office@alankelly.ie
Web: www.alankelly.ie

[facebook.com/
alankellylabour](https://facebook.com/alankellylabour)
 [@alankellylabour](https://twitter.com/alankellylabour)



STANDING UP FOR WORKING FAMILIES



NEW TEACHERS AND SNAs

€88m will be invested in 2015 to ensure 1,700 new teachers and SNAs will be employed in our schools during 2015 to meet growing needs.

On top of this an additional 610 SNAs have been approved for the next school year.

For the fourth year in a row, Labour has protected class sizes in our schools.

BUILDING SCHOOLS & CLASSROOMS

More than €59 million was provided for major school building and modernisation projects in Tipperary between 2011 and 2015. Schools that benefited include new schools and extensions for Carrig NS Nenagh, Air Hill Convent Roscrea, Silvermines NS, Ursuline Convent Thurles, Nenagh Vocational School, Borrisokane Community College and Scoil Ruain Killenaule.

Many other schools around the county benefited from the governments Summer Works Scheme. Labour in government has made education a priority I will continue my work to ensure Tipperary schools are fully resourced.

TACKLING BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS

€5m in extra funding was provided in 2015 for school book rental schemes in our primary schools, on top of the €15m already invested each year to help reduce the cost of school books for parents.

Let's Talk About
Childcare survey
www.labour.ie/childcare




Labour
Working with

Cllr Fiona Bonfield
87 Mulkear View
Newport, Co. Tipperary
086 1670863
fionabonfieldlabour@gmail.com

Alan Kelly TD

*Minister for Environment,
Community and Local Government*

 @alankellylabour

 /alankellylabour

Constituency Office:
No. 1 Summerhill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Tel: 067 34190 Fax: 067 34011
Mobile: 086 7737724
Email: office@alankelly.ie
Website: www.alankelly.ie

