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St. Enda's National School

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to report an excellent start to the school year, despite the unprecedented situation that we find ourselves in. The children have settled in wonderfully well. Thank you for your support and cooperation in these challenging times.

Arrangements for arrival and departure times:

We would like to thank parents for their cooperation with our arrival and departure routines. To ensure everyone's continued safety we would like to remind parents to maintain appropriate social distancing outside the school while dropping and collecting.

Absences and Illnesses:

If your child has been/will be absent for any period please inform the school or fill in the reason on the Absence section of the Aladdin App.

Parents must **also** fill the Return to School Declaration Form.

Pupil Return to School Parent Declaration Form:

In the interests of the health and safety of the pupils, staff and the whole community, it is imperative that the Return to School Declaration Form on behalf of your child is submitted **after any absence** and **before your child returns to school**.

This Pupil Return to School Parent Declaration Form can be found on your Aladdin Connect App or on our school website under the Parents and Learning menu.

Therefore after any pupil absence, the school should be informed of the reason and the Pupil Return to School Parent Declaration form should be submitted before the child returns to school.

Pupil Update Information/Aladdin Connect App:

A pupil update sheet was sent home with your child. We would like to verify that all student contact information we hold is correct. If any information has changed please update the sheet and return it to school.

As you are aware we are using Aladdin Connect to connect with you. Information on this app is the most current content we have so please insure phone numbers and emails are up-to-date.

If for any reason you are not receiving notifications or need assistance downloading the app please contact the school we are happy to assist.

Events & Activities

Gaelic Football

Gaelic Football continues with John Enright on Thursdays for all classes. Pupils are enjoying developing their football skills.

Fundamental Movements

Paul & Eddie are delivering Fundamental Movements to all children on Mondays. Fundamental movement skills (FMS) are the skills which support children's co-ordination and movement and are the building blocks for movement. Fundamental Movements will continue during term 1.

Locomotor Skills Transporting the body in any direction from one point to another	Stability Skills Balancing the body in stillness and in motion	Manipulative Skills Control of objects using various body parts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Running • Hopping • Skipping • Jumping for height • Jumping for distance • Dodging • Side stepping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing • Landing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catching • Throwing • Kicking • Striking with the hand • Striking with an implement



Upcoming School Events & Activities

Book Festival

To celebrate the Children's Book Festival, Author Carole Busher will deliver a virtual workshop to the pupils of 5th & 6th. We would like to thank Clare Libraries for providing this opportunity to the pupils!

Halloween fancy dress & Mid-Term Break

The school will close for mid-term break on Friday, October 23rd at 2.55p.m. (Junior & Senior Infants 1.55p.m.) The pupils may come to school dressed in a costume for Halloween. The school will re-open on Monday, November 2nd.

Farewell



I wish to inform you all that I have been offered and accepted the Deputy Principal role at Clarecastle N.S.

As a result I wish to notify you that I will be unfortunately vacating the principal position in St. Enda's N.S. after the October Mid-term break.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving the school community in Lisdoonvarna and it is with a heavy heart that I am moving on as I have always viewed it as a privilege to be principal in the school.

I would like to thank the board, staff, parents and pupils for all your support both to me and the numerous projects over the years that have taken place in an effort to enrich the educational experiences of the pupils of Lisdoonvarna.

I wish the staff, pupils, parents and wider school community of Lisdoonvarna all the best in your future endeavours.

Kind regards,

Michael James Malone
Principal

