

Newsletter September 2017

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Welcome back to everyone and a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants and all the pupils who have joined throughout the school. We extend a warm welcome to staff members who were appointed over the summer: Lorna Hehir (Senior Infants Teacher), Brenda Killilea (Support Teacher), Celine Holland (Support Teacher), Sorcha Molloy (Support Teacher), Áine Mitchell (Junior Infants Teacher), Claire Mullins Carr (4th Class Teacher) and Carmel Cullen (Special Needs Assistant). We hope everyone settles in well and will be very happy in Gort National School.

School contact numbers

If you wish to contact the school the phone number is 091 631627. Please leave a message if your call is not answered and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Contact Numbers

We are updating our contact numbers and addresses. If you have changed your number or address please inform the teacher.

School Absences

The legislation requires all schools to inform the National Education Welfare Board in writing when a pupil is absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school you should provide a note to the class teacher, giving the date(s) on which your child was absent and the reason for the absence. Please also ensure your child is on time for school each day.

We encourage all children to be in school every day. However we understand there will be times when your child is sick or unable to attend school. It is important your child does not come to school when he/she is sick. For this reason the staff of Gort National School have taken a decision not to reward full attendance at the end of the year as it is unfair on children who could not attend every day.

Pupil's Safety

The safety of your children is of primary concern to us so the Board of Management would like to draw your attention to the following: School begins at 8:50 a.m. and ends at 2.30 each day. The school will open to receive pupils from 8.40. No responsibility can be accepted for pupils arriving before this time. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure children are collected safely from school at 2.30. Pupils are not permitted onto the school grounds after 2.30 or at weekends. Pupils on the Tubber Road site who are collected by car must walk to the car park and those pupils walking home leave the grounds via the Ballyhugh exit. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Please also note if a child is to be collected from school by someone other than the person who usually does, a note or phone call to the class teacher is required. If you are collecting your child before the end of the school day you are requested to sign a signing out sheet. This is a requirement for School Insurance and ensures the safety of your child is maintained at all times.

School Uniform

Parents are requested to ensure that their children comply with the school uniform policy. Please put your child's name on school jumpers.

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch coming to school. This policy is on the website if you wish to refer to it.

School Insurance

Pupil Accident Insurance forms are available from the class teacher. Please return the form together with the fee to the school by Monday the 25th of September if you wish to avail of this insurance.

Clothing Collection

Mrs. Tuohy is organising another Clothing Collection for the 27th of September. Please drop any unwanted items to either school building before this date.

Beginning of Year Mass

Mass for the start of the new school year will take place in St Colman's Church Gort at 11am on this Thursday (14th of Sept). If you are free please come along and join us.

Sacraments

First Confession takes place on the 9th of March at 1:15pm. Confirmation takes place on the 20th of April at 11am. First Holy Communion is on the 5th of May at 11am. All the sacraments take place in St. Colman's Church, Gort. If your child would like to receive any of the Sacraments please send a note to the class teacher by the end of the week.

School Closures

Gort National School will close early for pupils on Monday 25th of September to facilitate a staff meeting. Tubber Road Building will close at 12:20 and Convent Building will close at 12:30.

School is closed for a week for Mid-term break from 30th October to 3rd of November inclusive.