



## Newsletter September 2021

### Fáilte

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. We hope everyone settles in well and will be very happy in Gort National School.

Thank you so much for your help thus far with the implementation of the school's Covid-19 Response Plan. It is vital now that we continue to adhere to the guidelines and to work together to ensure the safety and well-being of the school community. Please do not send your child to school if displaying any symptoms of Covid-19: high temperature, cough, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties, loss of smell or taste. If you are in doubt please err on the side of caution and contact your GP for advice.

### 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.

### Pupil Safety – Tubber Rd School Site

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 8:50am and ends at 2.30pm each day. The school will open to receive pupils from **8.40a.m.** No responsibility can be accepted for pupils arriving before this time. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children are collected safely from school at 2.30pm. Pupils are not permitted onto the school grounds after 2.30pm 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 collects the child, you must inform the class teacher. If you are collecting your child before the end of the school day please phone the school in advance to make the necessary arrangements. Parents 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.

### Pupil Safety – Convent School Site

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 9:00 a.m. School ends at 1:40pm (Junior Infants & Senior Infants) and 2.40pm (1<sup>st</sup> Class & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) each day. The school will open to receive pupils from **8.50am.** 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 1.40pm/2.40pm. Pupils are not permitted onto the school grounds after 2.40pm or at weekends. 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 collects the child, you must inform the class teacher. If you are collecting your child before the end of the school day please phone the school in advance to make the necessary arrangements. Parents 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.

PE Uniform - There are two options for parents:

1. Navy tracksuit bottoms (unbranded), white polo shirt and red school jumper
2. Navy tracksuit bottoms (unbranded), white polo shirt and plain navy jumper (unbranded)

## Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch coming to school. Gort NS have joined up to "The Lunch Bag". This company supplies lunches at a reasonable cost. You need to order before 12 pm on the previous day. Lunches will be delivered to the school each day. It might be of interest to you. See attached flyer for further details.

## Sacraments

First Confession takes place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. First Holy Communion is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May at 11am. All of the above sacraments take place in St. Colman's Church, Gort. The date for Confirmation has not been set yet.

## Medical needs

We are currently updating our pupil records. If there are any allergies or medical concerns you may have with regard to your child please inform the class teacher as soon as possible. Children are not allowed to bring medicines to school.

## School Closures

School is closed for a week for Mid-term break from 25<sup>th</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> of October inclusive.