



# Newsletter – September 2022

## **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.

## **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.



## Appointments

Maintaining home school links is very important to us here in Gort NS. If you wish to discuss any matter with a member of the teaching staff, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter. Please contact the office on 091 631627 or email [gortnationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:gortnationalschool@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting.

## Education Welfare Act

Schools are obliged by law under The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of The Child and Family Agency (TUSLA). As a result, the school is obliged by the above legislation to inform TUSLA when a child has been absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for you to provide the following information in writing, to the class teacher, the date(s) in which your child was absent and the reason for his/her absence. In line with our school policy when a child misses 5 days parents will get a phone call. When a child misses 10 days a letter will be sent to the parents. When a child misses 15 days another letter will be sent to the parents to remind you of our legal requirement. When a child misses 20 days a referral will be sent to the Educational Welfare Services Tusla.

## 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)

## School Lunches

The Lunch Bag are providing a school lunch to every pupil every day. If you need help with the app please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Blitz

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils went to Gort Community School for a hurling blitz last Monday. The pupils had a great day.

## Sacraments

First Confession takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. First Holy Communion is on the 6<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 31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> of November inclusive.