



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

I hope this letter find you well, considering the uncertainty we now find ourselves in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts since March 12<sup>th</sup>. It has not always been easy trying to balance home life, work and home school in the same building. Now more than ever it is important to ensure our families well-being is catered for. To that end if there is anything we can do to help now or in the future please do not hesitate to contact us.

While these are unprecedented times our school continues to grow and develop. We launched our school app before Easter, and I am delighted to say that we have over 290 active users. Our school app will play a vital role in communicating with you over the summer months. Our teachers have also engaged in professional development in a variety of areas to ensure that your child's education will continue to develop and prosper when we return.

As you can see school life continues and to that end, I would like to provide an outline of the timeline for the month of June and provide some clarity as to what you can expect this month.

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:** refunds will begin to be sent for school tours to 6<sup>th</sup> class and to all those who requested a refund following text message sent on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** parents' questionnaire available online and on school app. This will ask you to provide feedback on Seesaw and to identify any areas of concern you have regarding your child's return to school.

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** Booklists and holiday sheet available on school website and school app. These will have been provided to Farrell and Nephew also.

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Active Week. At this time of year, we always run an Active Week where we introduce the children to a wide variety of activities. We will once again be doing this, and videos of the daily activities will be uploaded to Seesaw every morning. Please share some videos back on Seesaw and keep a close eye for some special guests.

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June:** collection of schoolbooks from classrooms and return of book rental books. We will be operating a collect and return system for schoolbooks. Teachers will have children's belongings in bags in the hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. We would ask that an adult comes to collect the belongings and to return schoolbook rental books. The collect & return will operate from 9.30am – 3pm and 7pm-9pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 9.30am – 12.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be allocated times, and this will be communicated via text and on app closer to the time. Only 3 people will be allowed in the school hall at any one time with a one-way system in operation. Please enter via the emergency exit doors (the doors facing the church) and exit through the main entrance to the hall. Markers will be placed down the avenue in front of the Infants School to allow for queuing. Please take your child's bag and leave book rental books in their place.

Book rental books include: Busy at Maths, Abair Lion, Grow in Love, Small World books, Library Books, Reading Zone, Oxford Tree Readers etc.

A more detailed list will be sent closer to the time.

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**16<sup>th</sup> June:** End of year reports will be posted. This will include details of class teacher for 2020/21, where available, the classroom number your child will be in for September 2020, a copy of the booklist and the school holiday sheet.

For 5<sup>th</sup> class it will also place them into one of 3 classes, A, B or C. Unfortunately, we cannot send class lists but we will communicate to the children the other members of their new 6<sup>th</sup> class before the end of the school year.

**22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> class via Zoom webinar at 7pm. Teachers have been in contact gathering some information and photos. A detailed email will be sent to all 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils parents who have provided an email for the event on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**26<sup>th</sup> June:** School year ends.

While we do not know what a return to school will be like in September, please be assured that we will keep you updated on our plans at all times via our school app. I am aware that many of you have concerns for the safety of the children but please be assured that their safety and well-being is of paramount importance to us. All our plans and protocols for September 2020 will be in their best interest.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family continued health at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss any matter by emailing [scoilcm@hotmail.com](mailto:scoilcm@hotmail.com) or by phoning 045-431179.

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