

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are all well. I am sure you are looking forward to the summer holidays at this stage, an opportunity to leave the home tutor role and become a parent again. Thank you so much for all your work with the children since mid-March, the use of the work packs, google classroom and work placed on the school website. Thank you for sharing so much of the work with the teachers, it has been lovely to see the children's work and their photos. Well done to our Primary 4 and 7 pupils who had their work displayed during the Parish Masses for First Communion and Confirmation.

Normally this would be a frantic time in the school, with sports day, graduations for nurseries/ bronnadh duaiseanna na náiscoileanna, prize givings and the end of year Mass. Alas, Covid-19 has put paid to those ideas in their normal format. The details below will provide you with a picture of how the end of year procedures will operate this June.

For all pupils in year groups/bliaingrúpaí 1-6 the end of year reports and schoolbooks will be available for collection from the classrooms at the end of next week. I ask one adult from each family (no children please) to call up to the school on Thursday 25th or Friday 26th June 2020 at the times specified below, to collect your children's belongings from your children's classrooms. Families with surnames beginning with the letters:

Thursday 25th	9:30 – 10:45	A-G
Thursday 25th	10:45-12:00	H-M
Friday 26th	9:30 – 10:45	N-R
Friday 26th	10:45-12:00	S-Z

We hope if weather permits that all doors will be open to avoid any need to touch handles. Please, always maintain social distancing and use the hand sanitisers provided. Try to avoid unnecessary touching any surface within the classrooms.

Please, return any textbooks, school or class library books, reading books, reading record books, Easy Reads and Mental Arithmetic books which you may have at home. A labelled plastic bag would really help in the identification of ownership of returned items. Many of these books are numbered and their return will be noted against your children's names.

Arrangements for our Nursery and Year 7 pupils will follow a different path. The teachers of those classes were keen to have one last opportunity to reward each group and recognise their achievements as they move on in their school careers. The teachers have kindly offered to deliver the graduation certificates to the nursery pupils and Year 7 will receive their portfolio of work alongside the Edmund Rice Award/Gradam Dalta Éamainn Rís in recognition of their time in the Christian Brothers' Primary School/Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí. Those pupils in year 7 who completed Lexia will receive their certificates, as will all those who have to get attendance awards. Parents/guardians will receive a phone

call on Thursday 18th or Friday 19th from the respective teacher to arrange a suitable time on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd June for the delivery of the awards. Staff will always practice social distancing, whilst asking for a final picture of each pupil with their award.

There is a great deal of speculation on the reopening of schools and how this will actually operate in relation to numbers/dates/social distancing and the use of masks. At the minute I am awaiting clarification on these issues and all the genuine questions that are being raised by the teachers' unions. I will be endeavour to keep you fully informed about how things will work when school restarts as soon as it becomes clear.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the near future. Remember to continue to read with your son/daughter over the summer and make use of the free ICT learning packages that the school offers.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation. If you have any concerns, please, feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Smyth

Principal

17th June 2020