



03/09/20

Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well and that your child(ren) has settled well back into the school routine. I would like to extend a big welcome to all our new students, in particular our Junior Infants pupils. You can see some lovely first day of school pictures by clicking [here](#).

New Caretaker

We are delighted to announce that a new caretaker will be appointed to the school through the Tús Galway Rural Development Programme. It is expected that this appointment will take effect on September 14th.

i-Pads and Keyboards

The school has bought 8 new i-pads. **We now have a total of 20 i-pads. We have also acquired 20 wireless keyboards to accompany each iPad. In the coming month we will be connected to Fibre Broadband.** This worthwhile investment in ICT will have a wide reaching positive impact in the way in which pupils learn in the future.

Sports Equipment

The school has invested a lot of money in new sports equipment over the summer: footballs, basketball hoops, new goal posts etc.. In the coming days new playground markings will be laid on the Junior Infant yard. **We ask that all children take care with all the new sports equipment.**

School Insurance

We ask that each family pay €8 per child for the annual school insurance. This can be brought in an envelope marked 'School Insurance' with the child's name clearly labelled on it. **We kindly ask you also to send in amounts outstanding** for Photocopying, Arts and Craft and School Book Rental. The children from 1st class upwards are asked to pay for their school journal also. **The costs for these items can be identified on the school book lists linked [here](#).** Again, you can give this money in an envelope with items being paid for and the amounts clearly labelled on the front of the envelope.

Administration of Medicine Policy

We are currently reviewing our Administration of Medicines policy. **We therefore ask you to fill out [this form](#) in relation to your child's usage of medicine.**

Sacramental Ceremonies

- School First Confession will take place at 2pm in Kilrickle Church on Thursday, September 10th.
- First Holy Communion will be held at 11am in Kilrickle Church on Saturday, September 12th.
- The school Confirmation ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 8th at 5pm in Kilrickle Church.

Your class teacher will be in contact with you regarding the amount of people allowed in the church and seating arrangements in the near future

School County Photos.

School County Photos will be coming to Kilrickle NS on Friday, September 12th. Siblings from different classrooms will be allowed family photos.

Continued Vigilance

Thank you to all the parents, staff and pupils for complying so well with the new changes within the school. **We would like to continue to emphasise not to send your child to school if...**

Your child has:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- any other common symptoms of coronavirus - a cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
- been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
- been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus

If a child is feeling unwell we will take the child's temperature as a precaution. Please inform the school if you **do not want** your child's temperature taken by the school when he/she is feeling unwell.

School Classroom Build

Planning has been received for the new classroom build and this permission has now been approved by the Department of Education. It is hoped that this project will begin in the new year.

School Planning Day

Our school will be closed for a half day on Friday, September 25th. This is to facilitate our school planning day. We ask that all pupils be collected at 12.30pm on this day.

Making Contact with your child's teacher.

The restrictions have made it difficult for parents to make contact with teachers. If you would like to make contact to your class teacher you can do so via email:

glusted@kilricklens.com

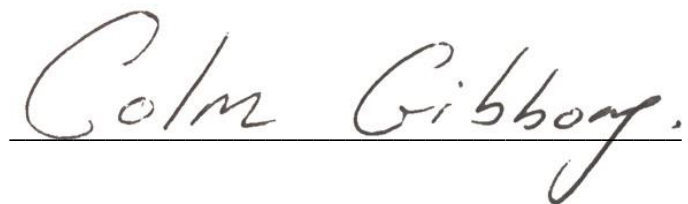
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Thank you for taking the time to read the above.

Le gach dea ghúí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle N.S.