



27/08/21

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children back to school on Monday. The school has been a hive of activity since pupils last stepped into our school in late June. Below is a list of important notes before your child returns on Monday.

Welcome

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Junior Infant pupils. We also have new pupils beginning in all other classrooms. A special welcome too to our two new members of staff, **Ms. Sarah Gallagher who will be teaching the Junior Room and to Mrs. Gráinne McLaughlin who will be our school's first SNA.** We also extend a huge welcome to Tina Clarke and her new Pre-School children. **We wish Tina, her team and all the children under her care the very best as their new adventure in Kilrickle National School begins.** The Pre-school is located in Mr. Gibbons' old classroom.

School Build

We are delighted to announce that our new classroom will be ready to welcome Mr. Gibbons' class on Monday, August 30th. Within this room there is a school office and two toilets. Two additional toilets have been installed into Mr. Kelly's room. We are deeply grateful to John Kenny and all his team with MJK Homes who worked tirelessly on this project over the summer.

Astro Turf

As you are already aware, our grass play area is now a construction site. **It will be transformed into an astro turf surface and we hope to avail of this fantastic facility after the Halloween break.** We therefore have a reduced yard space until then.

Covid 19

Covid 19 still poses a threat and the same protocols that were observed last year remain in place. You can see them linked [here](#). There is a link to FAQ [here](#).

Summer Works

Many parents were busy in the school garden this summer and we thank you for all that you have done to make our garden a beautiful place to be. Two flag poles were erected over the summer. Thank you to Joe Duane and our caretaker John Haverty for their work on this project. Thank you to Eugene Kennedy for creating a beautiful grotto for Our Lady that stands behind the school flag poles. In the coming weeks the school will be power washed and subsequently painted in the new year.

Safety on the school Grounds.

Our school is still a building site and we ask you to use caution and care as you drop and collect your children from school each day. Construction workers will still be using the space allocated to them beside the hall. **We urge that you park at the community car park and walk your child to the school building. This is the same protocol that was observed prior to the end of the school year in June.**

100 Years

Our current school building was completed in 1922. **Therefore, next year we will be celebrating 100 years of education on these school grounds.** We hope to mark this centenary with various events and would appreciate ideas and assistance with this in the coming weeks and months.

First Confession and Holy Communion

The date and time for Holy Communion, for this year's 3rd Class, has been confirmed for **Saturday, 25th September at 11.00am at Kilrickle Church and First Confession will take place on Thursday, 19th September during school time.** We expect that family will be able to attend both celebrations.

Morning and After School Care

Elaine Rowley will be providing morning and after school care on the school grounds. If you wish to avail of this service please contact: 087 - 1352582. **This service begins at 8am each school morning and restarts again at 2pm. It concludes each school day at 5pm.**

Music and After School Violin Classes

As before Covid 19 we would have had violin classes run by Clíodhna Gibbons in the school. She will continue with these classes in September. **If you wish your child to join these classes please contact Clíodhna on 087-6737005.** Violins are available for hire from the school. If you have any violins belonging to the school please return them on Monday.

Yvonne Barrett will be conducting music classes with the children in the class groupings every Tuesday. This is for 1st Class pupils upwards. The cost for these classes from the term (September - December) is €20 per child, €35 for two children, €45 for three children and €55 for 4 children. As outlined in your child's booklist a D Tin Whistle will be needed. Your child will also need a display

folder and this will be needed by the first class on Tuesday, September 14th. This money can be provided in cash or cheque.

School Photos

County Photos will come to our school on Monday, September 6th. School photos will be taken on this date.

School Costs

Book rental, photocopying, arts and crafts costs will need to be paid in September. This can be paid online and you will be notified in the coming days of when payment can be accepted. The exact costs can be viewed on your child's booklist that is linked [here](#).

School Calendar

Dates for this school year can be found [here](#). Please note that the school will be closed for a half day on Friday, September 24th to facilitate a school planning day.

Contacting the School

If you wish to make contact with the school staff when the school resumes you can do so by emailing:

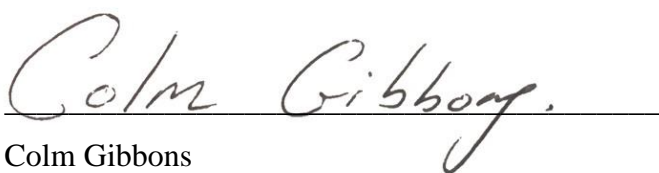
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

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