



Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the beginning of this festive time.

Face Coverings and Mask Wearing from 3rd Class Upwards.

As you may already be aware primary schools have been a focus of a great deal of media attention of late. Schools had not received any correspondence from the Department of Education or any other Government body on the wearing of masks until this evening and therefore have not been in a position to give guidance on this matter.

The government have now mandated that all children from 3rd Class upwards are to wear masks from tomorrow, Wednesday, December 1st. We ask that you comply with this but if you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact myself – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

Displaying Covid 19 Symptoms.

We ask that if your child is [symptomatic](#) please do not send them to school. You may wish to consult your family GP if your child is symptomatic. Parents are asked not send their children to school if their child has symptoms of Covid 19 even if they have a negative antigen or PCR test.

Antigen Tests

In the event that your child has a positive PCR test at any point during the school term we ask that you inform the school immediately – kilricklens@gmail.com. Those children who are in the pod of the child who has been deemed a positive case will be contacted by the school. These families will be requested to order three free antigen tests from a HSE help line. Those children, in the pod of the child of the positive case, can come to school as normal provided that: they have no [symptoms](#) and that the most recent antigen test was negative. You can find out more on the above by clicking [here](#).

Christmas Play

We will continue to prepare for our Christmas plays. **These will take place on December 20th during school times but families are asked not to attend.** This is a very difficult decision and was made in light of Government recommendations. However a link to the children's plays will be made available on the school website after they are recorded.

School Calendar Change

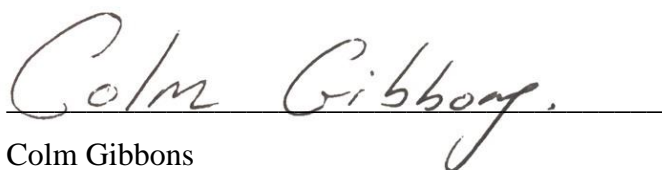
There has been an error on the school calendar. It stated that school will be finishing on Tuesday, December 21st. This is not the case. **School finishes on Wednesday, December 22nd and school will finish at 12pm on this day.** The school year will therefore be ending one day earlier, Wednesday, June 22nd. Apologies for this mix up. The calendar has been updated on the website and can be viewed [here](#).

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

The Parents Association will be co-ordinating their Annual Christmas Raffle before the end of the school year. A letter from the Parents Association will be sent to you in the coming days regarding this.

We deeply appreciate your co-operation with the above. Please feel free to contact myself = mrgibbons@kilricklens.com if you have any concerns.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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.