

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

June 2020



COVID-19 update: School Restart: Our school staff and Governors are working hard towards bringing our school children and staff back into school in a safe and structured way in the new academic year. For now, I can tell you that we are planning the following:

- Primary 7 will return to school in the week beginning 24th August.
- Primary 1 will be invited in for an "Open Day" in the week of 24th August in small groups, and will start back to school in the week beginning 31st August - details to follow.
- Primary 2 - Primary 6 will also return in the week beginning 31st August.
- We anticipate that when pupils return they will all be in together with 1m social distancing in place for the normal full day, there will be no remote learning.
- We may also consider staggering break and lunch times to allow for continued social distancing requirements. Start and finish times should be as normal.

As soon as we have more concrete details we will let you know. With so many uncertainties surrounding the current situation, we want to reassure you that we will do everything we can, within the boundaries and guidelines provided, to ensure that the children coming in to our care in August/September will have the very best experiences we can give them. All our staff share a strong sense of community and a genuine concern for our children and remain committed to providing the very best opportunities for the children in our care.

P7 Leavers: We say goodbye to our 16 Primary 7 children and wish them every success for the future and especially in their next schools. They have made great friendships over the years and hopefully these friendships will continue throughout their lives. They were super ambassadors for St. Patrick's in every field and wonderful role models for the rest of the children in the school. We are very proud of them and will miss them all. For 6 families it brings to an end their association with St. Patrick's - We thank the Bates, Black (Cara), Magee, McNaughton (Erin), O' Neill & Taylor families for their support over the years and hope they will keep up their link with the school.



Classes for the next academic year

The arrangements for 2020-2021 are to be arranged:

Mr Dinsmore	P7
Mrs McCarry	P6
Miss McQuillan	P5 & P4
Mrs McDaid	P4 & P3
Mrs McAuley	P2 & P1

Attendance 14 children achieved 100% attendance in the 2019/20 school year, including physical attendance in school up to 13th March. These children did not miss any days and didn't miss full morning or afternoon sessions following our Pupil Attendance guidelines from the Department of Education Welfare Office. Congratulations to: Aodhie Arthurs, Sophie Black, Tadhg Marrs, Hugh Nulty, Niall McAuley, Michael McKillop, Saoirse McMullan, Danann Gillan, Sadhbh Marrs, Ryan Robbin, Sarah Black, Ryan Conway, Cadhan Graham & Ben Duncan. A wonderful achievement!

Back to School Essentials: P1 & P2 folders can be purchased through the school if you wish or you can purchase your own. In light of the current situation, we would ask parents to supply a school pencil case to be kept on your child's desk containing everyday items, including pencil, colouring pencils, glue stick, rubber, sharpener, ruler in order to minimise sharing of stationery. We would also recommend that each child has a labelled, filled reusable water bottle for their desk. Water fountains will not be operational during this time.

School Holiday List The suggested holiday list for the new school year will be uploaded to the website today. A copy is included on the back of this sheet with your child's report.