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Dear Parents.

All pupils have now settled back into another school year, a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants.

I would ask you to take note of the following points of information regarding general school procedures and important points of information.

- 1. School officially starts for all classes at 9:20 am so please ensure your child is present on time so as to limit disruption to classes. Roll call is taken in each room at 9.50 am so any children not present at this time are marked absent. However, if you know that your child has an appointment which will delay them please notify the teacher in writing in advance and your child can then be marked present on their return. All children must be signed in and out of school when leaving/returning during school hours. The Sign In/Sign Out book is available at Reception.
- **2.** Children are supervised from 9 am to 9:20 am before school starts and for fifteen minutes after school. Children who are on school grounds before and after these times are not supervised.
- **3.** Should you wish to speak with a teacher concerning your child, please make an appointment in advance by contacting reception and we will do our best to accommodate you. Teachers may request to see you if the need arises.
- **4.** Children should be in full crested uniform every day attending school. Please ensure that all of your child's possessions, especially jumpers and jackets, are clearly labelled with their name and class as we already have some missing.
- **5.** As you all know we have a healthy eating policy here in Lisnagry National School. We ask for your co-operation in preparing healthy lunches to include fruit and vegetables.
- **6.** Our after-school activities will begin again next week after the summer break. These include football, hurling, music, speech & drama and basketball. You should already have received the schedule for this term.
- 7. As always, if you change your <u>mobile phone number or if there is any change in address please notify Reception immediately</u> to ensure effective communication between us through text-a-parent.

8. An independent Health and Safety audit of our school building and environs was commissioned by the Board of Management last March. Overall the results were very positive. However the traffic situation outside the school has been highlighted as a cause of concern. It was noted how fortunate we are to have the facility of a stop & drop area. This was re-surfaced during the holidays and further safety barriers were erected. It is now finished to a very high standard.

For the stop & drop area to work efficiently however, patience and courtesy are essential.

I would urge the following as per previous years.

Do not park your car in the stop & drop area or the designated bus parking area.

Do not park your car and leave it unattended. Should you need to enter the school building, please park your car outside the school wall. As previously requested, please do not park your car outside the post office.

Do not reverse at any time. Instead please wait for traffic in front to move. Three-point turns in a congested area are extremely dangerous.

For your child's safety, please ensure he/she exists the car on the path side of the stop & drop and walks behind the barrier into school.

It is great training for older siblings to walk in with their younger brothers and sisters

Please do not partially park across the entrance to the staff car-park or the stop & drop area, (This is a serious safety hazard which some drivers are continuing to ignore).

With your co-operation on all of the above, I am confident that these concerns can be addressed, therefore ensuring safety for all.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all those who have so promptly paid any monies due to the school. In these difficult economic times it is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank our Parents Association for their continued support and dedication to the school. New parents are always welcome and it is hoped to hold the A.G.M. next week - date will be confirmed via text-a-parent. *ALL ARE WELCOME*.

I look forward to liaising with you all during the coming year and if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL FEENEY,

Principal.