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# Scoil Lios na Groí

## Lisnagry National School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. This has been an exceptional term in Lisnagry, one that will live long in the memories of each generation in the school community. A huge thank you parents for the incredible effort you have made at home each week in helping your children engage in their educational programme. We know that it was not easy and we appreciate the many challenges that you had to face each day. I would also like to commend our staff members for their significant effort in supporting the continuity of education and learning during the closure. All in all it has been a wonderful school community effort. I think I can say on behalf of all the staff in Lisnagry School that we miss our school but more importantly, we miss our children.

The roadmap for opening schools in September was published by the Dept of Education and Skills (DES) last week. The document presented several models for return to school, the optimal model being a full return to school in September for all children, something we all wish for. Unfortunately, the roadmap presented is critically short for clarity in relation to social distancing and safety issues. The DES has indicated that further guidance documents and templates will be published later in June and July which will inform policy and protocols for a return to school. Once we receive these documents, we will put a plan in place for September and communicate it to you as soon as possible.

When the great day comes that we can ring our school bell and reopen our classrooms we will pick up from where we left off. We are very proud of our great staff in Lisnagry NS and rest assured when we get to reopen, learning will continue and we will do everything in our power to help the children catch up. Over the summer holidays I would encourage each child to keep a record of the books they read or the ones they listen to read aloud. Reading is very beneficial for our pupils and a great way to develop their literacy skills in an enjoyable way. Google Classroom will also be accessible during the summer months if you wish to revise or make use of resources. We have a number of teaching vacancies to fill for September and with the restrictions we are still waiting for guidance to advertise and hold interviews. Once this process is completed I will notify you of the Class Allocation for next year.

The end of year school reports and workbook lists were published on Aladdin last week. Next year's calendar is available to view on our website. A school book rental collection took place also. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Any parent who has yet to return book rental books and collect belongings please contact us in the coming week.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class Virtual Graduation Ceremony to mark and celebrate their time in our school takes place tonight and we are all looking forward to it. We especially wish our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective Secondary Schools. All parents and guardians of our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils are invited to join us at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

At present a lot of work is going on in the school. Emergency works on the roof are being completed and some new flooring is going down in the senior classrooms also.

Finally, thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact the school via [info@lisenagryns.ie](mailto:info@lisenagryns.ie) if you think we can help in any way. As the restrictions ease it is a source of hope for us all that we can look forward to some form of normality. I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and hopefully the school will reopen on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August as per our school calendar.

Take care everyone,

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Michael Feeney