

Scoil Lios na Groí

Lisnagry National School



Dear Parents,

As we begin another school term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy new year. We hope that you enjoyed a rest over the Christmas period and that the year ahead is full of happiness, health and peace.

As per the HSE letter you received earlier this week, the levels of virus transmissions are very high nationwide. We are already experiencing high levels of sickness here in school. With this in mind, we are asking that children who are unwell remain at home to try to reduce the risk of other children and staff also becoming unwell. It is always our priority to keep the school as safe as possible and to have enough staff available to keep our classes operating safely.

A reminder that we are having Grandparents Day on Friday 3rd February. The grandparents of junior and senior infants are invited in for a cup of tea and a chat on this day at 12.30pm.

We also wish to remind you about our **Parent Internet Safety talk on Wednesday 1st February at 7pm**. These parent internet safety seminars from Zeeko have proved to be very informative and beneficial. I would urge you all to attend. Many of our pupils have received smart or other internet connected devices this Christmas and it is important to be aware of the potential dangers associated with them. We advise you to be aware of your children's privacy settings and filtering software. We all want our pupils to enjoy technology without putting themselves or others at risk.

In accordance with the revised SPHE policy the Stay Safe programme will be taught this term. Stay Safe is an integral part of SPHE and must be taught in all classes. The Stay Safe programme is a personal safety skills programme for primary schools. Please see attached letter with further details.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation while the pedestrian crossing and footpaths were installed in front of the school. There is also a safety railing to be installed at the crossing. This is to be completed at the end of the month. These facilities enhance the safety of our pupils during drop off and collection times. This is always our number one concern. **We would also urge you to display courtesy to our neighbours and local residents by refraining from obstructing their driveways and entrances to their properties.**

If you have a child starting school in September 2023, please notify the school as soon as possible. The closing date for enrolment is 31st January.

Please note the following school closures this term:

Monday 6th February – St. Brigid's bank holiday

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February – Mid term break

Friday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day

Thank you for your co-operation in all of the above.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL FEENEY
Principal