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# Scoil Lios na Groí

## Lisnagry National School

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to welcome you all back to a new academic year here in Lisnagry National School. A special welcome to all our new Junior Infants who have adjusted to school life so well. We also welcome the new pupils who join other classes up through the school and hope that they will experience a warm Lisnagry welcome, settle in and make new friends. The children are all well settled back at this stage.

### Drop Off and Collection Protocol

I would ask as always for your co-operation to ensure our stop and drop facility operates safely. It is imperative that everyone drives to the front door end of the facility before stopping in so far as possible. Your child should then walk inside the railed pathway when entering and exiting the school. Please **do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended** in the stop and drop. For your child's safety, please ensure he/she **exits the car on the path side of the stop and drop**. It is extremely dangerous to exit on the other side as cars will be overtaking and might not see a small child.

We are very fortunate to have our stop and drop, new pedestrian crossing and footpath outside the school, all designed with your child's safety being our primary concern. Please ensure that children **only cross the road at the pedestrian crossing** outside the school gates. It is extremely dangerous to cross the main busy road at any other point during drop off/collection time. Please don't allow your child to cross through the small roundabout. We should all be encouraging every child to only use the official designated crossing.

### Supervision

Children are supervised every morning from 8.45am and for fifteen minutes after school. Children who are on school grounds before and after these times are not supervised. Please note that the Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before this time. The infants school day ends at 1.40pm. We respectfully ask all parents to ensure that the children are collected promptly and we would appeal to you to pass on this message to childminders and creches who may be collecting your child. Likewise the general school day ends at 2.40pm and once again we request your co-operation in having children collected promptly. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

### Collection during the school day

If a child needs to be collected early for any reason, the parent/guardian must advise the school in advance. This can be done by emailing [info@lisnagryns.ie](mailto:info@lisnagryns.ie) or by phoning the school on 061 331011.

You are requested to use the front door only and report to Fiona at reception. All pupils arriving late/being collected early must be signed in/out. All visitors, including parents are requested to report to the school office during the school day if dropping off/collecting or leaving items in for their child. Please refrain from disturbing classes.

### Communication


Home-school communication is very important to help teachers understand and support your child's wellbeing and learning. If there is any information that you feel might impact their learning, whether it be medical, family situation or concerns re. learning issues please let us know. Your first point of contact should always be the class teacher.

### School Uniform (PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS)

We are really proud of our uniform in Lisnagry N.S. and expect all children to wear it. Many of our pupils have purchased the newly designed uniform and it looks great. The uniform is very important for the image of the school and it enforces your child's association with the school. Clothing with logos, branding, club gear, hoodies, GAA shorts are **not permitted** and defeat the point of having a school uniform. Please label all your child's clothing and belongings with their name and class as they can easily be mislaid. I would also ask that children wear a coat with a hood to school each day as we all know how unpredictable the weather is.

### Allergies/Medical Conditions

Parents, please advise the school if your child has any medical issues about which you need to alert the school. If any allergy or condition requires the administration of medication or an Epipen please email the office [info@lisnagryns.ie](mailto:info@lisnagryns.ie) requesting an indemnity form to sign, giving us permission to administer



the listed medication to your child. I would also ask you to inform us about headlice or infections/contagious illnesses.

### Homework

Depending on your child's class, formal homework will begin this week. Please remember that it is a parent/guardian's responsibility to check that homework is completed and that your child's journal is signed. Please do not rely on your after-school care/childminder to do this or you will not know how your child is progressing or if they are completing daily tasks or not.

### New Bí Cineálta Anti Bullying Procedures

New Anti-Bullying procedures have been recently published and we will be developing a Bí Cineálta Policy to adhere to these procedures this school year. We will collaborate with the whole school community in its development over the coming months.

### School Building Upgrades

Here in Lisnagry National School we are very proud of our fine, modern facilities and the Board of Management together with our Parents Association are constantly working hard fundraising to upgrade and maintain them.

Upon returning to school, all pupils across the classes were excited and delighted to see all the new additions to our facilities. Our new active walking track around our playing field has so many benefits and it will keep on giving for years to come. We are very proud of our Active School status and promoting physical activity.

Our climbing walls and balance beams are also getting lots of use. Inside the school our new sensory corridor is another active and stimulating space which caters for children who need a break from the conventional work of the classroom.

### Child Protection

The school is obliged to act in accordance with child protection guidelines and procedures introduced by the DES in relation to the welfare of children. Consequently if there is a matter of concern in relation to child abuse we are obliged to report this to the HSE. They will assess the case and provide support for the child. Children First guidelines may be accessed on [www.dcy.gov.ie](http://www.dcy.gov.ie). Our child safeguarding statement is reviewed annually at our first Board meeting and is available to view on our website.

### Home-School Communication

Please use the Aladdin Connect App to message your child's teacher in relation to absences indicating the reason, for late arrivals or early leaving. If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please phone the school office 061 331011 or use the school email address [info@lisnagryns.ie](mailto:info@lisnagryns.ie). Fiona will inform the teacher and you will be contacted at a suitable time. A note in your child's homework journal is another effective way of getting a message to your child's teacher. If you really need to contact the teacher on a sensitive matter, please be mindful that they will not be able to answer emails during the teaching day but will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible and practical. I would ask parents to schedule emails to be sent during the working week and between 8am and 4pm. For all our sakes it is important to set up good, healthy and respectful boundaries.

### Parent to Parent Communication

Parent WhatsApp groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly many parents are on social media sites and communicate with each other regarding their children - this can be great for birthday invitations, play dates etc. We remind parents that if they have a complaint or an issue they should call the office to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher directly. A WhatsApp group is not an appropriate place to air any concerns or grievances about the school, teaching staff, teaching methods or school policy.

### Junior Infants Enrolments 2025

The application process and admissions notice for Junior Infants 2025 will be published on our school website at the end of this month. The school will begin accepting applications for Junior Infants September 2025 from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. If you have a sibling starting in 2025 please contact the school.

Finally, please be assured that the safety, happiness and well-being of your children is of paramount importance to all the staff of Lisnagry N.S. Trust us to nurture and lead them in their learning and we will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure your child gets the best educational experience possible. May I wish all our pupils a wonderful, happy and exciting year ahead.

Best regards,

MICHAEL FEENEY  
Principal