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A thuismitheoir/caomhnóir,
Fáilte romhaibh chuig ár scoil nua.

We are delighted to start this school term in our new school premises. We would like to thank KOBW Architects, MMD Construction and Cork Education Training Board for delivering the school for our páistí in time. The Board of Management would particularly like to thank our Príomhoide, Séamus, Príomhoide Tánaisteach, Siobhán, múinteoirí, cúntóirí, rúnaithe agus feighlí for all their hard work over the summer in ensuring a seamless transition from our old Gaelscoil to this state of the art new school. We really appreciate the extra hard work put in by all involved and we look forward to our whole school community, especially the páistí, enjoying their years in this new modern school. Comhghairdeas agus fíor-bhuíochas le gach éinne a bhí páirteach ann ó thús.

Time at school:

8:50 -2:30 Rang a 1 go dtí Rang a 6

8.50-1:30 Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra (Note: Naíonáin Bheaga full day, 8:50 to 1:30, starts on Monday 13th September)

The school will receive pupils from 8:30 a.m. onwards for Rang a 1 go Rang a 6 and from 8:40 a.m. onwards for Naíonáin. The Board of Management at Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin does not accept any responsibility for children on the school premises outside of the times noted above.

Health and Safety

Covid 19; Please keep your child at home if he/she is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, also keep a social distance if standing in line.

Do not bring dogs at any time as some children are nervous around them.

Some children in our school have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts/nuts. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of peanut/nut products, cross contamination and breathing in the air. Since this condition can be life-threatening, we would be grateful if you did not include products which contain nuts in your child's lunch. Please note, Nutella contains nuts.

Parking and Traffic:

We would like to express our gratitude for your support and cooperation during the drop-off and collection times at school

To ensure the traffic around the school flows as freely as possible, we ask you to drop your child/children and move on to make parking spaces available on a continuous basis for everyone.

With regard to the health and safety of all children, please note the following points when dropping and collecting your children from school:

- your car is not parked across the main school gate
- your car is not obstructing the pedestrian crossing
- your child crosses safely and at the pedestrian crossing
- your child enters and leaves the school grounds by the correct gate
- you do not park in the bus stops at any time.
- you never block the entrance to any estate, or people's driveways at any time.

We have been contacted by residents in the area complaining about being blocked in by cars. Please refrain from doing this.

Traffic Lights on Main Road:

We have been assured by the ETB that traffic lights will be in operation shortly.

Cycling/walking to school:

We encourage your child to cycle or walk to school if possible. Please ensure the following safety precautions if your child/children cycle to school; Always wear a helmet. No child is allowed to cycle

their bike on the school grounds for everyone's safety. We have a "bike rack" in front of the school where bikes and scooters may be stored.

Lunch: We wish to promote healthy eating in our school and we ask for your co-operation in ensuring that the children do not have chewing gum, crisps, peanuts, glass bottles, fizzy drinks or hard sweets for their lunch. We recommend your children bring either water or milk to drink.
Treats for the class; Please do not give treats to your child or teacher for distribution.

Homework :It is school policy to give the children homework every night (Monday to Thursday inclusive). Please note the length of time and sign your child's homework diary every day and make sure that you are aware of what (s) he is doing in class. Homework will also be posted on the I Connect app. Homework will begin gradually at the start of the year with emphasis on oral work and build accordingly. General guide to homework:

Naíonáin:	5 - 10 minutes
Rang 1:	10 - 15 minutes
Rang 2:	15 – 20 minutes
Rang 3 & 4:	20 – 30 Minutes
Rang 5 & 6:	30 – 45 minutes

If your child has any problem with their homework, please inform the teacher as soon as possible so it can be dealt with promptly.

School Uniform: The school uniform must be worn every day in school (except for the Naíonáin). The children wear their school tracksuits on the specified P.E. days only.(2 per week) Tracksuits may also be worn on special days at the teacher's request e.g. matches, school tours.

NB. Please ensure that your child has his/her name on items such as coat, jumpers etc.
Timetable for P.E: The class teacher has/will advise your child of his/her P.E. days

Meeting Teachers: Our parents are an integral part of our school community and your co-operation is always welcomed. Always make an appointment through the school office if you wish to speak to a teacher on the phone or in person. Please refrain from approaching teachers at drop off and collection times as teachers need to give their full attention to the safety of the children in their care at this time.

Please use the Aladdin I Connect App to inform the school if your child is absent for any reason.

Late arrival/collection of children early during school day:
Please ensure you phone in advance if collecting your child early during the school day. This will enable us to have your child ready for collection at Mary's/ Caitríona's office. Late arrivals must be signed in at Mary's/ Caitríona's office by a parent or guardian.

Mobile Phones: Mobile phones are to be switched off during school hours. If your child brings a mobile phone to school, please ensure that they do not have it switched on during the school day or while on the school premises.

Baskets: Each child (Rang 3 – Rang 6) is required to have a small basket to keep their books in order in school.

Invitations: We wish to advise that invitations are not to be distributed by the class teacher or in the class. During the past few years, this has caused distress for some children as they were not invited to parties.

School Band, School Choir, Irish dancing, Speech and Drama, French, Inter- School Sporting Activities, Swimming and all After School Activities will not take place for the month of September. This will be reviewed at the end of the month.

Child Protection: The school follows the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Secondary Schools. Our Principal, Séamus de Londra, is the DLP (designated liaison person) and if he is not available it will be our Deputy Principal Siobhán Ní Chuana

Behaviour in school:

Every effort is made to promote good behaviour in the school.

While we endeavour to prevent bullying of any kind in our school, we ask for your support in this matter. We recognize that sometimes your child may be bullied but also that your child may be the instigator. We ask you to support the school to ensure that all members of the school community behave correctly. We must all work together to ensure our school is free from bullying.

Grievance Procedure: If you have a grievance about anything in school, first talk to the class teacher and if it is not resolved, then you may make an appointment to speak with the deputy principal or principal.

Every effort is made to resolve issues, but we must work together for the benefit of the child and the school to allow us to reach a solution.

Coiste Cairde: (Parents' Association) They are a very active group of parents who assist the school on a regular basis. They organise various events throughout the year, i.e, Healthy Food Day, preparing for Santa, First Communion, Rang 6 celebration night etc.

Board of Management: There are eight members on the Board. Majella Ní Chrualaoi is currently the Chairperson. Séamus and Muinteoir Caitríona, along with Trudy Hunter, Pat Nagle, Syl Duane, Conor Kirwan and Máire Ní Shúileabháin make up the remaining members. We are under the Patronage of Cork and Ross. The Board of Management will subsidise the following activities when they resume: Irish Dancing, Speech and Drama, language for senior classes and swimming classes.

Speaking Irish in the school environment: Please feel free to use your Irish in the school environment. We love to hear you speak Irish! Is breá linn an ghaeilge a chloisint!

First Communion: Saturday 18/9/2021

Confirmation: Wednesday 29/9/21

Parent/teacher meetings 21/22; We will advise on these dates later

School calendar is available on the website.

Thank you in advance for your help and support throughout the school year. If your child has a problem at school during the year, please make an appointment to speak with the class teacher as soon as possible so any issue can be dealt with promptly and confidentially.

Ag súil go mbeidh bliain sláintiúil againn go léir in ár scoil álainn, nua.

Le meas,

Majella Ní Chrualaoi, Cathaoirleach Bord Bainistíochta

Séamus de Lónra, Príomhoide