

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Report from the Board of Management meeting on June 22nd 2022

Voluntary contribution

The Executive Committee will transfer the responsibility for collecting the Voluntary Contribution to the Board of Management in September.

Communication with Class Teachers

Communication with class teachers will be through Aladdin in September. Alternatively, an email can be sent to the office info@corkeducatetogether.ie

Please be respectful when communicating with staff especially if you or your child is upset. All staff members have the children's best interest at heart and do not hesitate to contact them as soon as you need clarity or support.

The school has reassigned Mother/ Father to Parent 1/Parent 2. Please update your profile accordingly. Sending a text incurs a cost. Parent 1 will only receive any text sent. **Please contact the office if you require an alternative arrangement.**

School Website

The website will undergo a complete overhaul this summer.

Bullying

The Board of management take allegations of bullying extremely seriously and the school is proactive in dealing with such allegations. The Anti-Bullying Policy is reviewed annually. We welcome any feedback on the policy which can be viewed on our Website.

Please contact the school as soon as you have a concern in order for the staff to deal with behaviours of concern at the earliest opportunity. The children complete at least three surveys during the year. These surveys will be re-titled **Raising Awareness**. These surveys give the children the opportunity to bring concerns or worries (either about themselves or indeed another child) to the staff's attention .

School Self evaluation

The School will focus on Oral language (English and Gaeilge) in the coming Academic year. A pilot program with 3rd and 4th Classes will be established between Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn (Montenotte). The children will team up with their peers to develop language fluency and conversational skills in both English and Gaeilge.

Swimming and Gymnastics

The Aquatics programme will return in 2022/2023 for children from 1st to 6th Class.

A Gymnastics Programme will be introduced for all classes next Year.

Forest School

The BoM have taken a decision to pause Forest School next year. This is largely due to financial constraints as swimming and gymnastics will incur a cost for parents.

Friday Assembly

We are delighted to announce the introduction of a Friday Assembly. The purpose is to bring the whole school together every week for a common purpose and to develop and instill a sense of **Togetherness** across the school.

Class Buddy Systems

The children will be given many opportunities to develop friendships and connections with another class in the school class. (Reading and writing workshops to name but a few activities planned)

Junior Infants/Fifth Class

Senior Infants/ Sixth Class

First Class/ Third Class

Second Class/Fourth Class

Sports Day

Sports day was very enjoyable and we were delighted to provide the Rainbow Fruit Kebabs and Ice-cream during the day.

Graduation Class 2022

Wishing the graduates of 2022 every success in the their future endeavours. We are extremely proud of them and have no doubt they will do very well.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance: Please make a concerted effort to ensure your child attends regularly. Please avoid discretionary days off for holidays during term.

Punctuality: Please ensure your child is in school no later that 8:50 every morning. Late arrivals cause a huge disruption to teaching and learning for all.

Staffing

An **English Additional Language Teacher** has been sanctioned for 2022/2023. Nicola and Gráinne (Jobshare) will take up this position.

Maura will update the specific classes where a teacher has not been confirmed following an appointment process in early July.

The BoM would like to wish Audrey Ní Mhurchú every success in her new school.

Zebra Crossing/School Traffic Warden

The BoM have contacted Brian Geaney (Deputy CEO CCC) seeking an update update on developments. The situation remains the same and we continue to have grave concerns for the safety of our school community on a daily basis. We will update on any communication we receive.

The Board of Management would sincerely like to thank The Executive Committee and the Parent Teacher Association for the continued support and trojan work throughout the year.

The Board of Management would like to express their deep gratitude to the wonderful staff of Cork Educate Together who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to educate, support and inspire the children in their care.

Finally, the Board of Management would like to commend the fabulous children and parents of Cork Educate Together and wish you a wonderful summer.

Regards,

Anne Chairperson Bom

Maura Principal