

Board of Management September 15th, 2021

The Board would like to express their gratitude to staff, parents and pupils for their vigilance and co-operation in implementing the public health guidelines.

We extend a warm welcome to the new Junior Infants and to new students who joined a number of classes in the school. They are off to a great start and no doubt are wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Much work has been done to highlight the Road Safety concerns on Grattan Street. Following many emails and phone calls to the City Council we were unsuccessful in securing School Traffic warden. The explanation given was that the quota of Traffic Wardens in Cork City has been reached. This somewhat arbitrary reason is, we feel, wholly inadequate given the gravity of the situation. We are currently engaging with An Garda Síochána to progress our case and to emphasize the ongoing hazard and potential for serious accidents. We will keep you updated with developments as they unfold. Any advice, suggestions or even canvassing of the relevant public representatives would be appreciated.

Aladdin Connect

The roll out of Aladdin Connect has been very successful. The homework is currently being trialed. It will be reviewed after 3 weeks; a survey will be sent to parents for feedback of their and their child's experience using it.

Early opening/closing school time poll:

As government restrictions begin to ease and subject to endorsement from the Department of Education, we intend removing the staggered arrival and departure times necessitated by Covid. In preparation for this, we will issue a survey to each family on the proposed changes outlined below:

It is envisaged that the current arrangement whereby classes arrive and depart at five minute intervals will be replaced by a single class starting time of 8.35 a.m. This will see the school gate open at 8.25 a.m.; giving a 10 minute window for drop off. Parents are asked to continue the practice of dropping the children at the gate in mornings. The children will be supervised in the yard until they are collected by their class teacher at 8:35 a.m.

Class will end at 2.15 p.m. (1st class to 6th) and 1.15 p.m. (Junior and Senior Infants.) Parents will be permitted to enter the school yard in the afternoons to collect their children.

Those children who walk home, or meet their parents outside of school, may continue to do so.

The Poll will be sent on Monday September 27th and we ask that it be returned no later than Thursday September 30th.

Anne Rogers (Chairperson)

Maura (Principal)