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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your families are safe and well. Despite the considerable disruption to our normal schedules caused by the Covid-19 crisis, our preparations for the new school year are proceeding. We are really looking forward to welcoming your children to Creagh College as First Year students in September.

This communication is intended to provide as much information as possible at this point about what lies ahead. We very much hope that school life in 2021/22 will be far closer to our pre-Covid experience. However, please bear in mind that our plans for the new school year may be changed arising from adjustments to the public health guidance and Department of Education policies arising from the pandemic.

All First Year students will start on either Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August or Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August (half of the year group will attend on each of these days). This will be a half-day of entrance assessments which in more normal times would be administered in the Spring preceding their entry to post primary school. Your child will need to bring a pair of headphones and a packed lunch for this assessment day. Our First Year students will then begin their full induction to post primary education on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. We will be in communication with you closer to the time to confirm exact times and dates.

### **Optional Subject Information**

All first years study the following cores subjects:

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Science
- French or Spanish
- History
- Geography
- PE (Certified Short Course)
- Computers
- Wellbeing (incorporating [CSPE](#) & [SPHE](#))

You will find enclosed with this letter the list of the **optional subjects** your son/daughter will study for their first year in the College. Your child will study three optional subjects, a short course subject and a wellbeing activity. Please see <https://creaghcollege.ie/first-year-information/> for further information on these subjects etc. If you have any queries, please email [orlatravers@wwetb.ie](mailto:orlatravers@wwetb.ie).

For any student who receives a blank subject form, or who has not received a form at all, we do not have their options and they will be allocated subjects as soon as their preferences are received (a form for this purpose is available on our website <https://forms.office.com/r/YeFpu7vCam>).

We cannot yet confirm which Modern European Language (French or Spanish) your child will be assigned to; we expect to be able to confirm this during the summer period and then it will be necessary to purchase the appropriate textbook for that subject. Further details will be communicated as soon as possible.

Please find enclosed your child's booklist. We have an online bookstore with Bookhaven, but feel free to get your new books from a store of your choosing. Please note that you will be buying a physical copy of the book which will come with a free digital version to be installed on your iPad. It is important to understand that a new copy of each book is required to ensure that you get the accompanying free eBook for your iPad. (To access, parents can go to [BookHaven.ie](http://BookHaven.ie) There's a purple box to the left. You can enter County, School Name, and year group. You will then be brought to the bookstore for Creagh College and place your order)

### **Information Evening- date for your diary**

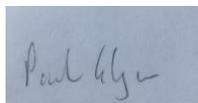
We will be holding a webinar for incoming first year parents and their students on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 7 – 8pm**. We will include topics such as iPads, Bodibro shop for PE uniform, student support etc. There will be an opportunity to raise any questions or queries you may have. We will text you a link sooner to the time.

Over the course of the coming weeks, we will upload several documents to our website with important information about the start of the 2021/2022 school year including a detailed information booklet: see Parents > First Year Information 2021.

Please find information on iPads in the following pages. We are very conscious of the initial cost on parents as students start first year in Creagh College. The Credit Union in Gorey offer competitive rates on iPad loans. Please see <https://alturacu.ie/> for further information.

We really look forward to welcoming your child to Creagh College. We are happy to announce that Ms. Mairead McGuire will be their Year Head ([mairreadmcguire@wwetb.ie](mailto:mairreadmcguire@wwetb.ie)).

Kind regards,



Paul Glynn  
Principal

## iPad information

We advise you to consult a useful information booklet from Wriggle can be accessed at:  
<https://creaghcollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Wriggle-iOS-Parents-Pack-Creagh-College-2021-1.pdf>

### The Creagh College iPad store is now open

Our online iPad store is now officially open and will remain so until June 16th. Please go to [www.wriggle.ie](http://www.wriggle.ie), select the "Order" tab and enter our unique store code 80440 to order your son/daughter's iPad. Once logged-in there is a small video called '*Wriggle – Your digital journey explained*' that you should watch before you can proceed with your order.

It is strongly recommended that you purchase your iPad through our online store on the Wriggle website as this will ensure that your device will have the required management system preinstalled. This management system is a requirement for all iPads in the school and will ensure compliance with our Acceptable Usage Policy and will generally make digital life much easier and safer at Creagh College.

Please be aware that unlike previous years the iPad no longer comes with the books preinstalled. This is done by the student themselves at a later stage but is an extremely straightforward process. There is a host of useful and helpful information about this process available on Wriggle's website.

### iPad Online Store closes Wednesday 16th June

All orders completed by this date will be delivered to your home over the summer holidays. Once you have received your iPad you can begin installing your new books and getting to know your new iPad for the year ahead. **Late orders will be subject to a €50 late processing fee with Wriggle. It is imperative that you place your order before June 16<sup>th</sup> to avoid this additional charge.**

### The Management System is a Requirement

The management system is preinstalled software that allows us to ensure student's iPads are set up and managed to maximise learning potential while minimising distraction. This means that students will not have the ability to download apps either in or out of school time, delete the management profile, or misuse the iPad while in school. This will remove possible distractions in school and ensure the device is safer while outside of school. Should particular apps be needed at a later date they can be added or removed by the school through this management system. This management system is a requirement to allow students to gain access to the school's Wi-Fi network. It automatically comes preinstalled on all iPads bought through the Wriggle store. If you are using an existing device this must also have the management installed by Wriggle.

### (BYOD-Bring Your own Device) Use of an Existing iPad (Not encouraged):

The iPad must be an iPad 6, 7 or 8 model, or newer. Unmanaged devices will not have access to the school Wi-Fi and will be unable to function correctly. It is a requirement that all iPads have the management system installed even if the iPad has not been bought through Wriggle.

If you wish to have an existing iPad repurposed for use as your school iPad, then the following must be done.

You will need to visit [www.wriggle.ie](http://www.wriggle.ie), select the “Order” tab and enter our unique store code 80440. Once in here you will need to watch a short video about how to place your order. Once this is done you can access the First Year Store. In here you will skip to the bottom of the first screen where you will see the option of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). You will select this and follow the steps thereafter. An email will be sent to you from Wriggle with a set of instructions informing you how to prepare your device for the management installation and how to package and get your device to Wriggle. The advice will be similar to this:

- Ensure iPad is compatible: iPad 7 or 8 (2019 Model) or better.
- All data is backed up to iCloud.
- The battery is fully charged.
- No physical damage to device.
- All passcodes are removed.
- Signed out of iCloud and Find my iPad.
- Fully logged out of Apple ID.
- iPad is reset to factory settings.
- iPad is clearly labelled with your child’s name and date of birth.
- iPad is packaged securely (ideally in the original box)

For more information on how to back up data and how to factory reset your iPad please see the following:

How to back up using iCloud

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/ipad/ipad9a74df05xx/ipados>

How to fully reset your iPad

<https://9to5mac.com/2020/07/06/how-to-factory-reset-ipad-erase-everything/>

*\*\*NB\*\* All iPads will be wiped again by Wriggle before they are configured with the management system and necessary apps, and any data left on them will not be recoverable afterwards. Please ensure any valuable data is backed up elsewhere and that the iPad you are sending to Wriggle is fully factory reset. Failure to do this will result in the iPad being returned unmanaged and will need to be resent again causing further delays.*

Tony McGrath  
**IT Co-ordinator**

## First Year Booklist 2021/2022

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Edition</b>
<b>English</b>	Dive In	Folens	New
<b>Irish</b>	Mol an Óige 1	Gill Education	New
<b>Maths</b>	Text and Tests 1	CJ Fallon	New
<b>History</b>	History Alive	Edco	New
<b>Geography</b>	Geography in action	Educate.ie	New
<b>Science</b>	Active Science	CJ Fallon	New
<b>SPHE</b>	My Wellbeing Journey 1	Gill Education	
<b>Optional subjects:</b>			
<b>French</b>	Allons-y 1	Educate.ie	New
<b>Spanish</b>	Aprendemos 1	Folens	new
<b>Music</b>	Sounds Good 1- An intro to music for the new JC	Edco	New
<b>Business Studies</b>	Time For Business	Edco	2nd
<b>Woodwork</b>	Wood Technology text book and workbook	Edco	New
<b>Tech Graphics</b>	World of Graphics Text book and workbook	Educate.ie	New
<b>PE</b>	PE uniform		
<b>Home Ec</b>	Junior cycle Home Economics @home	Eilis Flood	New
<b>Art*</b>	1st year Art Pack €17	n/a	n/a
<b>Metalwork</b>	Basic Engineering	CJ Fallon	new
<b>Technology</b>	Applied Technology	Golden Key	new
<b>Coding*</b>	MicroBit V2 starter pack €20		