



18th August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you all had a very safe and enjoyable Summer and that your child is looking forward to starting 1st year with us in the next few weeks. As the start date for 1st years is drawing closer I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key dates to be aware of as well as some relevant information in relation to your child's first few days in school.

Entrance Tests

A reminder that the Entrance Assessment Tests will take place on the **26th and 27th August**. Students should **arrive at the school at 9am and your child will be ready to be collected at 1.15pm**. (Please note; school buses will not run on these days). Students have been divided into groups based on their Primary School. Please take note of the day that your child should attend for their assessment. Full school uniform **must** be worn on these days.

Day 1: Thursday, 26th August 2021	Day 2: Friday, 27th August 2021
Bunscoil Loreto	St. Joseph's, Gorey
Craanford	Tara Hill
Castletown	Gorey Central
Camolin	Gaelscoil Moshíológ
Ballyoughter	Gorey Educate Together
Ballycanew	Riverchapel
Court N.S.	Ballyduff
Coolgreany	Ferns
Monaseed	St Aidan's Enniscorthy
Ballygarrett	St Joseph's, Kilmuckridge
Ballythomas	Gaelscoil Arklow
Boolavogue	Kilanerin
	Students from all other primary schools not named on these lists

Students must bring:

- A nutritious lunch with them as they will have breaks during the assessment.
- A facemask.
- **Their own headsets**. These headsets need to be able to connect to the computer. Please see picture below for headset jack information.



- A book, to keep themselves occupied, if they finish an assessment early.
- Pen/Pencil.

Induction Days for First Years:

The school will re-open for 1st Years on the **1st September**. Two full induction days have been scheduled to take place for all 1st years on **1st and 2nd of September**. Students must be in school for **8.45am (start time)** and their school day will end at **3.20pm** on **both** days.

Students will require the following on these days:

1st September:

- Full school uniform must be worn
- Face mask
- School Bag
- iPad
- School Journal
- Pencil Case
- Healthy packed lunch and drink

2nd September:

- Students will have P.E. as part of their induction programme therefore they have permission to wear their P.E. uniform (school sports tracksuit) to school on this day. However, **ONLY** the school P.E. uniform is permitted to be worn. Students **must** come to school in their school uniform if they do not yet have the P.E. Uniform.
- School Bag
- iPad
- School Journal
- Pencil Case
- Healthy packed lunch and drink

Other Information to note

- 1st Years will attend school on the 1st (Wednesday) and 2nd September (Thursday) and will not return to school again until the 6th September (Monday). The school will re-open for all students on this date.
- Ms. McGuire will be the Year Head to all First Years.
- Students start their school day at 8.45am every day. On Monday school finishes at 4pm while every other day it finishes at 3.20pm.
- Should you have any difficulty with downloading the eBooks onto your son/daughter's iPad before they start with us, please be reassured that your child's teacher(s) will assist with this in the first few days.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to tell you that we will do everything we can to ensure a smooth transition occurs for your child, as they embark on their secondary school education here with us in Creagh College. We look forward to seeing you all in the next couple of weeks and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms McGuire.

Kindest regards

Linda Furlong
Deputy Principal (1st Years)