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## School Community Newsletter

5/10/2020

### Homework Policy Review

We are currently reviewing our Homework Policy. Please see a draft here:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Draft-Homework-Oct-2020.pdf>

We would like to hear your views. Please review it and send your feedback to [principal@parteenschool.ie](mailto:principal@parteenschool.ie) by Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. All feedback will be brought directly to the BOM for consideration and decision.

### Internet Safety

There will be internet safety workshops for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes and the full parent body next week. They will be run by a company called Zeeko. The parent's workshop will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7-8.15pm. We will text you the link. The workshops for children will be delivered through Zoom via the Interactive Whiteboards, over Tuesday and Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Zeeko carry out a survey of internet use by children in advance of the presentations. It is an anonymous survey and the results of the children's internet use and experiences will be compiled into a 'Trend Report for Parteen N.S.' which will form the basis of the workshop for parents. Parents in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, please get your child to complete the internet survey by Wednesday. We will text you the link. It is important to let them answer honestly. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will complete it in class.

### BOM Mother Nominee.

We welcome Natasha Foley to the Board of Management. Natasha will replace Emma Hogan as mother nominee to the BOM. We would like to sincerely thank Emma for her contribution over the last number of years.

### Information on Boards of Management

The Board of Management are in-charge of the school. They appoint a Principal to run the school on their behalf. Here is some guidance, from the Catholic Primary School Management Association Newsletter 57/2019, which Boards of Management must follow: Board members should be advised that they are not delegates of those who have elected them. They should not report back to or take instructions from them in relation to Board matters.

Parents are elected to bring a parent's perspective to Board matters. Teachers are elected to bring a teacher's perspective to matters arising at Board meetings and community nominees bring the wider community perspective to the Board. Board members should be advised that the Board operates as a corporate unit and that decisions are arrived at by consensus or by vote. Discussions at Board meetings are confidential and members of the Board cannot publicly criticise or make negative comments about Board decisions, irrespective of their own personal views on any particular issue. At the end of each Board meeting, the Board should prepare an agreed report of the meeting for circulation. This will support good communication to parents, staff and the wider school community. This report will not include details of any issues which must remain confidential to Board members.

### **Response Plan**

It is essential you specifically check the procedures for each of the following against the Response Plan: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reopening-Plan-3-Version-3-10-9-2020.pdf>

Wash your hands video

Lunch box and drinks container sanitising requirements

Temperature check requirement

Uniform requirements

Staggered arrival times

Staggered dismissal time

Sharing rules

Rules around appointments

Money collection

Procedures around school books and supplies

Respiratory and hand hygiene

Children with Masks

### **Latest Advice**

The following advice was published by the HSE on 2/10/2020:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

### **Reminder: Google Classroom**

In the event of a full or partial closure, teachers will publish teaching videos using Google Classroom. If you have not already done so, it is essential you set up the log-in details now so that we can easily assist anybody who is having difficulties rather than doing it if we are shut down.

### **Reminder: Communication re Absences**

Please email the school office, [parteenoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parteenoffice@gmail.com), directly with absence reasons. Please do not send in a note. Email is the preferred method as we aim to keep the phone line as free as possible. Catherine will forward the email directly to the teacher. Going through the school email allows us to monitor patterns in absences.

## **Colours Day**

Children can dress up for Halloween on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Instead of collecting €2 for each Colours Day, we will collect €10 via ePayments for the Halloween, Christmas, St. Patricks Day, Easter and Summer Colour Days.

## **T-shirts**

Following higher than expected requests, the Parents Association have ordered more t-shirts. If you wish to order a t-shirt, please email [parentsassociation@parteenschool.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@parteenschool.ie) and pay via the epayment request already sent out. Please specify your child's class and t-shirt size on the email.

## **Payment Requests**

Please be aware that some ePayment requests are optional. The message will read: 'You have a new or outstanding payment due'. You will only see what the payment request is for after you click the link. After you click the link, just ignore it if it does not apply to you.

Kind regards,

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Ger and Mairéad