

Scoil an Tamhnaigh

Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,
Co. Clare

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12th of January 2022

Dear Parent(s),

Happy New Year to you all. There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention as we begin the second term of the school year.

COVID-19 Toonagh NS Response Plan and Antigen Testing:

When a parent receives a positive Antigen test on their child or a positive PCR COVID-19 test result on their child, they should notify the school. Then please note the following:

1. The school principal will inform the parents of the other children in the pod. Parents of the children in this pod will be provided with the option to receive free antigen tests for their child from the distribution company, which they will be able to order for delivery to their home.
2. Parents carry out an antigen test for 5 days, every second day until three tests have been done.
3. The children in the pod can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic and their antigen test results show a negative result.
4. Where two or more cases arise in a class, within a seven-day period, outside of a single pod, antigen testing will be offered to the full class.
5. If at any stage a child becomes symptomatic they should isolate at home and organise a PCR COVID-19 test. A negative antigen test holds no value in the situation of a symptomatic child.

Ventilation

The Board of Management have purchased HEPA filters for each classroom These will hopefully offer another layer of protection against COVID-19.

With the season of winter upon us, heating will be on in the school. It is necessary however, to have good circulation of clean air and for this reason windows will be kept open throughout the day. Good ventilation will be achieved by opening windows and doors before school and during breaks. During class time windows will be partially opened. Please ensure that your child is dressed in warm layers along with their uniform and tracksuit if required.

Stay Safe Lessons

Toonagh NS has a responsibility to cover Stay Safe section of the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Curriculum. Stay Safe is a personal safety programme which teaches children to tell a trusted adult about any problems they may have. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at <https://pdst.ie/StaySafeParents> This content will be taught in January and February in all classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class.

Half Day Closure for Staff Planning and Training:

The school will close on Wednesday February 2nd for a half day for a Staff meeting to facilitate staff planning. Buses will operate as normal at this time. Collection times on this day will be as follows:

12.15 pm for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st class and 2nd class.

12.25 pm for 3rd and 4th class.

12.30pm for 5th and 6th class.

The buses will collect at this time.

Communicating with the school

Please note our secretary (Noelette) works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and you can contact the school on these days. Outside of these days we try to check the school voicemail end of the school day. Also outside of these times the phone will rarely be answered as all staff are in class. School contact details are 065-6820143 or via email at toonaghschool@gmail.com

We regularly communicate with parents using text message and email via Aladdin, our school administrative system. One text message per household will be sent with notifications. Please contact the school if you have changed your mobile number or email address and if you are not receiving texts/emails.

Absences:

As a parent, you must let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing to the class teacher. Please supply the class teacher with a written note explaining the reason for absence for the school's records.

Enrolment Junior Infants September 2022

Enrolment for Junior Infants has begun. If you have a child to enrol please contact the school office for an application form or you can download the form on our school website. The closing date for enrolment will be the 18th of February.

Christmas in School

While Christmas seems a distant memory now, great compliments must go to the teachers and SNAs for involving the children in many Christmas events and celebrations such as wreath making, baking, Art & Crafts, music and song, Active schools activities and for the excellent Christmas video. Also thanks to our Parents Association who helped make Christmas an exciting time here in Toonagh. Special thanks to the Parents Association for planning and coordinating the Santa Visit.

Annual Toonagh Charity Walk:

This takes place on this Sunday 16th of January 2022 starting from 11am. This year all proceedings will be outdoors, there will be no raffle or refreshments due to the high number of Covid-19 cases. Walkers are asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines and to use the on-line fundraising page to contribute the walk registration fee www.idonate.ie/ToonaghWalk2022

This walk is in aid of Huntington's Disease, Motor Neurone Disease and Parkinson's Disease. See poster attached with the details. One of the main organisers is our Board of Management member Denise Whelan. See poster attached with details.

Parents Association News:

- **Clothes Collection:** The provisional date for the next clothes collection fundraiser will be the week after the February mid-term break on Thursday March 3rd. We will have more details in next month's newsletter. Please spread the word among anyone who may be doing a clear out of old clothes in the new year. Thank you.
- **Calendar 2022 and school photos:** There was a great uptake on the very nice school calendars and photos before Christmas. They raised €693.44 which was a great success. Thanks for your support.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Wednesday February 2nd:** School closes for half day for staff meeting and planning.
- **Thursday March 3rd:** Clothes Collection Provisional Date.

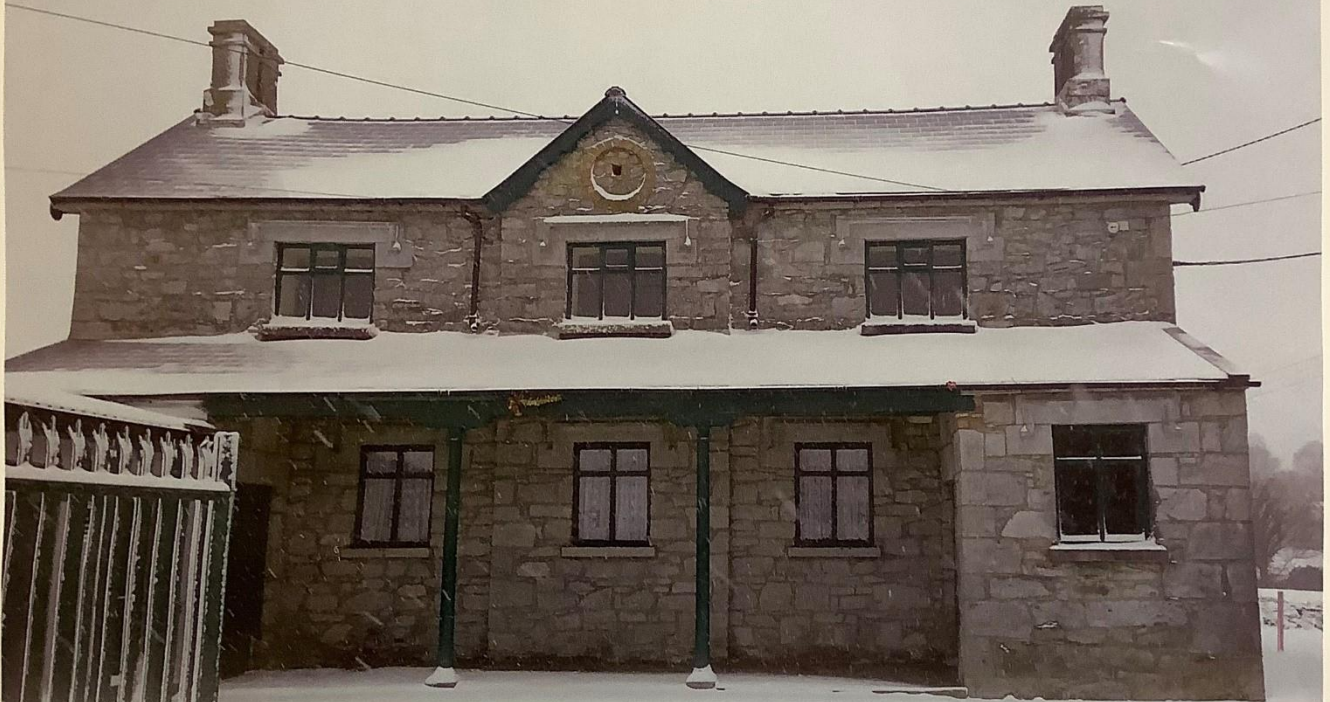
Wishing you a very happy and peaceful 2022.

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Annual Toonagh Charity Walk

Sunday January 16th, 2022



In aid of Huntington's Disease, Motor Neurone Disease and Parkinsons Disease

Walk registration at Toonagh Hall at 11.00am (children free). Suitable for families with various fitness levels. 3 walk routes around the roads of Toonagh Dysart: 2km / 6km / 10km.

Participants are asked to adhere to relevant COVID-19 guidance.

Toonagh Village, Co Clare is near The Burren, 8km from Ennis on the Corofin road.



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