



# Scoil an Tamhnaigh

Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,  
Co. Clare

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25<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

Dear Parent(s),

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well. Please note the following updates.

## **Easter Closure**

The following closing/collection times will be in place tomorrow, Friday to minimise congestion and to avoid classroom bubbles mixing:

**12.15 pm** for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> class and 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

**12.25 pm** for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class.

**12.30pm** for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class.

The buses will collect at this time. School re-opens on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **HSE return to school form after absences**

Please note that after any school absence, the HSE return to school declaration form must be completed and returned with the absence note for every pupil. Please see the form attached. Teachers have sent home extra copies of this form should you need them.

## **World Down Syndrome Day in Toonagh NS**

The children enjoyed celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. To raise awareness the school children wore odd socks coming to school on this day and they celebrated the differences that makes us all unique. They also took part in the Mace 'Lots of Socks' colouring competition in conjunction with World Down Syndrome Day 2021 and congratulations to the prize winners from this competition.

## **Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying Talk**

Dr Maureen Griffin will give a presentation to parents on the important area of online safety for children on Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 pm via Zoom. Also on this day she will give workshops to the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Board of Management and Parents Association for funding this.

## **Clothes Collection Fundraiser**

The Parents Association will hold a clothes collection fundraiser after Easter on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Drop off times on this date are 9-10am, 1.45 – 3pm, and 6.30 -7.30pm

You can drop bags any day at Toonagh hall door during the week of April 12-15 if you wish to and we will put them inside each evening. You can also contact Noreen Cummins if you wish to arrange to leave bags prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Please spread the word among anyone who may be doing a clear out of old clothes.

## **Free Easter Camp Online**

[www.clarecamps.ie](http://www.clarecamps.ie) is running an Easter Camp from Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March to Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. Lots of activities for primary school students to take part in including art, dance, GAA, yoga. The website will go live on Monday morning.

## **School Books**

As a precaution, today and tomorrow, teachers will be asking the pupils to bring home their schoolbooks. I want to reassure everyone this is very much only a precautionary measure in case the Government decide that schools don't reopen after Easter due to Covid-19 numbers. This is very unlikely but on the off chance, it will save us having to organise a book collection and many schools are taking this precautionary step this week.

*Thank you for your continued co-operation with our safety routines to help minimise the risk of Covid-19 in our school. I wish to let you know the children have been excellent since they came back to school and they have all got on well with their school work. The children in Toonagh have shown great resilience during these challenging times and well done to each and every one of them.*

*I wish you all a happy Easter and continued good health.*

Yours Sincerely,

*Gearóid Roughan*

Principal



## Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form

<b>Child's Name:</b>	<b>Manager's Name: Gearóid Roughan</b>
<b>Parents/Guardian's Name:</b>	
<b>Name of Setting: Toonagh NS</b>	
This form is to be used when children are returning to the setting after any absence.	
Declaration: I have no reason to believe that my child has infectious disease and I have followed all medical and public health guidance with respect to exclusion of my child from educational facilities.	
Signed _____	
Date: _____	