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6th January, 2022.

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back Welcome back to everyone after the Christmas holidays. We wish all our students and their families a very Happy, Safe and Peaceful New Year. We hope that you all enjoyed the break and are refreshed and ready for the new term.

Welcome to Mr. Diffley who will be with us as Special Education Teacher for the remainder of the school year.

We wish Ms. Brennan every good wish starting her Maternity Leave.

Covid-19 The school received this advice from the HSE yesterday January 5th regarding Returning to School for the school community.

Parents are advised to take a precautionary approach, that if their child appears unwell, observe them at home and contact their GP as appropriate.

If you have been told by the HSE services that a person is a close contact of a case of Covid-19, they need to adhere to the advice on the [HSE website in relation to restricted movements and testing](#).

For Children under 13 years who are household close contacts they must restrict their movements for 14 days and they are offered PCR testing at day 0 and day 10. On receipt of a day 10 not-detected PCR test result, they may exit restricted movements. It is important that anyone who has been identified as a close contact, is very aware of COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and undergo testing should they develop any symptoms.

Absence Form If your child is absent from school for any reason all parents/guardians must complete an Absence Form. Please complete the absence note which is located in the centre of your child's Homework Notebook or click [here](#) for the online Absence Form.

Enrolment for 2022/23 School Year Enrolment for the 2022/2023 school year is taking place in the school. For more details please see our school website www.cootehallns.com or contact the Principal's Office in the school - phone no. 071-9667264.

School Lunches The students will have time before both breaks to eat their lunch. We encourage all the students to have healthy lunches. Students should not bring in sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, crisps or popcorn as part of their healthy lunch. Chewing gum is not allowed in school.

Music Generation Due to the success of the Music Generation Pilot Scheme programme in our school, we will continue this programme for the Junior/Senior Infants and First Class students for the remainder of the school year. We are asking for a contribution of **€10 per student** for Junior/Senior Infants and 1st Class students. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay.

G.A.A. Training Peter Carney continues G.A.A. training with 2nd to 6th Class students on Thursdays, weather permitting.

Voluntary Contribution 2021/22 The school are requesting a contribution of **€40 per pupil** for this school year. This amount goes towards the cost of School Book Rental Scheme, Online subscriptions, homework notebook, art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay. Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact their class teacher at the following e-mail address or ring the school and the teachers will reply as early as possible.

Class	Teacher	Email address
Junior Infants& Senior Infants	Ms. McLoughlin	christinemcloughlin52@gmail.com
Senior Infants & 1 st Class	Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan	lconroydbrennan@gmail.com
2 nd & 3 rd Class	Mr. Conboy	lccootehall@gmail.com
3 rd & 4 th Class	Mr. Duffy	cootehallns@gmail.com
5 th & 6 th Class	Ms. Gilhooly	agilhoolyschool@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Martin	camartin053@gmail.com
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Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal.