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Dear Parents,

As per Public Health Advice the wearing of face masks in schools for children from 3rd to 6th is now optional from Monday 28th February. We hope to return to a more normal and traditional school setting over the coming weeks. We will keep you informed of any changes we are making. Please do not send your children to school if they are in any way unwell. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>School Closures</u> The school will be closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

<u>Parent-Teacher Meetings</u> The Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held in the school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, **2022**. School will be finishing at 2.50 p.m. on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March to facilitate these meetings. Buses have been re-arranged to suit this early closing. N.B. Please check your child's homework notebook as appointment times for meetings with the class teachers will be put in your child's homework notebook on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

 $\underline{\text{Art/Science Workshop}}$  The students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class are starting an Art/Science Workshop with Anna Macleod, Artist in Residence, making sculptures relating to Biodiversity on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will continues every Wednesday for four weeks.

<u>Absence Form</u> 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

<u>School Lunches</u> 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.

<u>School Uniform</u> School uniforms must be worn every day. P.E. clothes can be worn on P.E. days and when the students are going on school outings.

The school uniform is:-

Grey pinafore / skirt / trousers, plain grey tracksuit bottoms for P.E. (Girls) Grey trousers, Plain grey tracksuit bottoms for P.E. (Boys)
Crested royal blue sweatshirt
White polo shirt

<u>World Book Day</u> The students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character from a book for 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

G.A.A. Training GAA training will take place on Friday this week for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class students.

<u>Music Generation</u> The Music Generation programme continues 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**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay <u>here</u> Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

<u>Confirmation</u> Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> Class students will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00 p.m. in Cootehall Church.

<u>First Holy Communion</u> First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May in Cootehall** Church.

<u>Enrolment for 2022/23 School Year</u> 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.

<u>Voluntary Contribution 2021/22</u> 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 <a href="here">here</a>. Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Dukky

Principal.