

A Thuismitheoirí,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to your child to 6th class and hope this letter finds you in good spirits. This final year in primary school is a very important and special one and will hopefully be a fruitful and happy experience for your child.

The following points of information may be of help to you:

P.E.

School tracksuits and suitable footwear should be worn on P.E. days only. (Mrs Traynor's class have P.E. on Thursdays, Mr. Brosnan's class on Thursdays and Miss Mc McCarthy's class on Fridays)

Tests/ Progress Reports

There will be regular tests in various curricular areas. These tests will be sent home for you to peruse and sign.

Homework

Recommended time taken for homework is approximately one hour. This obviously may vary during the year. Good presentation, time management, independent work, organisation and self-correction are all important aspects of obair bhaile. I would ask you to monitor your child's homework and sign the journal each night. Remind your child to write down the time it took approximately. If you find your child struggling with an aspect of homework, please note it down in the homework journal.

School Policies

September is a good month to re-read the policies in our School Journal including Healthy Lunch Policy, Homework Policy, Uniform Policy and School Rules. These can be found in the Homework Journal and on the school website: www.scoiloilibheir.ie

Religious Education and Sacrament of Confirmation

This is an important year in your child's faith development. Confirmation date is the 22nd of April 2020. As part of preparation for Confirmation, we hope to attend morning Mass in the church occasionally. Later this term, the children will celebrate their Ceremony of Enrolment in St. Oliver's Church. This will take place during school hours and all parents will be invited to attend. The Service of Light will take place in the second term. Details will be forwarded later.

If any child did not make their communion in Scoil Oilibhéir, we ask that a copy of the Baptismal Cert be given to their teacher as soon as possible.

Days absent

In case of absence from school parents are asked to fill the 'Explanation of Absence' note which can be found at the back of the child's school journal and send it to the class teacher. We are obliged to report any child who is absent for more than twenty days to the Education Welfare Officer.

Punctuality and procedure for withdrawal

If your child is to be collected from school early or collected by someone else, please write a note in the homework journal and collect your child through Mrs. Quarry at

the office where you will be asked to sign your child out. You must also sign him/her back in if (s)he is returning before the school day ends.

Belongings

Please label your child's full uniform, tracksuit and coat. Often children lose or mix up these items and it can be a source of confusion at PE time or at Sciath na Scol training and matches!

Finally, I wish you and your child well for the coming year and should you want to discuss your child's progress at any time or have any issues you would like to discuss during the year, please feel free to call Mrs. Quarry in the office to make an appointment. Communication between school and home is hugely important so do not hesitate to call.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and support.