St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 4th, 2020 www.conaires.ie

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome all our pupils and parents/guardians back to school. As you know, a lot of work has gone into preparing the school for a full reopening. We thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time for everyone. We would like to thank you for your co-operation with new procedures as we begin our teaching and learning journey this September. The first week has gone well thanks to the co-operation, support and understanding of everyone. Please continue this as we work to keep the school environment safe for every pupil, staff member and parent/guardian.

In particular, we welcome our new pupils as they start with us here in St. Conaire's. Our new Junior Infants have settled in well this week and bring new excitement to the school. We wish them and their families well for the coming years. We hope that this will be an enriching year for all the members of our school community.

Junior Infant Pupils: Juniors will finish at 12 noon every day up to an including Friday, September 11th. The infants' first day finishing at 1:35 pm will be Monday, September 14th.

Fire Alarm Upgrade Project: New fire alarms and a public address system have been installed in the school over the summer. We now have a modern safety system for all parts of the school.

Parking/Traffic: <u>Do not</u> enter the staff car parks at the front and rear of the school at drop-off/collection times as these areas must be kept clear at all times.

We would encourage as many parents to walk their children to school. We also encourage parents to use the car park at the GAA club and to allow their children to walk in the back gate of the school.

Summer Reading Stars 2020: Don't forget to return your completed Summer Reading Star Card to Shannon Library to receive your certificate.

Additional Information

- 1. We ask that all adults continue to maintain social distancing when waiting outside the school for their child/children.
- 2. Please **do not** drop your child off at the side of the road at the back of the school. There is plenty of parking in the GAA club and there is a safe path the whole way into the school.
- 3. If you have to collect your son/daughter for an appointment please notify the school in advance by telephone (061 364694). We will have your child waiting for you at Theresa's office. Masks/visors must be worn at all times please.

Yours sincerely, Peter Walsh Principal Teacher