

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

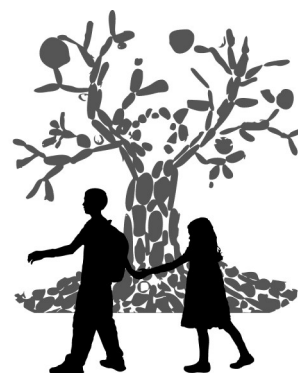
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Walkway near Creagh College: We've passed on reports of anti-social behaviour in the mornings (before school) to Creagh College. If further difficulties arise, please contact Creagh College directly. (Please supply as much information as you can, e.g. a description of the students involved.)

Breakfast Together: €575 was raised for Childline. Thank you! Special thanks to all the parent helpers on the day.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Sponsored Walk: The total raised was €1,050. Many thanks for your support! This money will be used to part-fund specialist music classes for all our pupils.

non slip

Let's reduce the number of slips and falls at school!

The children should wear sturdy, non-slip runners or shoes.



Tuesday 7th November: Introduction to Gymnastics for Senior Infants, 2nd and 4th Classes (6 Tuesdays.) Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn.

Tuesday 7th November: Swimming for Anna, Aideen and Patrick's classes. (6 Tuesdays.) Please check with the teacher for your child's dates.

Wednesday 8th November: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues. Current classes: 2nd classes (for 4 Wednesdays.)

Thursday 9th November: 'All parents/guardians welcome to help with **craft making** for the International Winter Fair from 9am to 10am in the PTA room.'

Thursday 9th November: Food & Craft Fair and Cookery Demonstration, 6.45pm, Seafield Hotel, in aid of Gorey Hockey Club Pitch Fund. Tickets (€20) available from our school office or phone 087 2733709.

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Monday 20th November: 'Sing Out Loud' at Wexford Opera House, (Katie and Deirdre's 4th classes.)



Parents of 6th Class
Don't miss the enrolment deadlines for local Secondary Schools!
E.g. Creagh College and Gorey Community School: **10th November 2017**

Collection at the School for the Dublin City Centre 'Mobile Homeless Run.' Please drop items to the school by Friday 17th November - *Ciara Mahoney, parent*

Also, men's and women's clothes.

Drinks:

- _ Bottled water
- _ Instant coffee packets
- _ Tea bags
- _ Energy drink
- _ Juice cans or boxes

Toiletries:

- _ Chapstick
- _ Facial wipes
- _ Moisturizer
- _ Hand lotion
- _ Comb
- _ Toothbrush
- _ Toothpaste
- _ Cotton swabs
- _ Soap
- _ Shampoo
- _ Tissues
- _ Ibuprofen (small packets)
- _ Bandages
- _ Razor and shaving cream
- _ Deodorant

Food:

- _ Beef Jerky
- _ Dried fruit
- _ Granola bar
- _ Instant oatmeal packets
- _ Protein powder packets
- _ Crackers (cheese & crackers/peanut butter crackers)
- _ Individual servings of peanut butter or applesauce
- _ Box of raisins
- _ Plastic fork and spoon

Other:

- _ Restaurant gift card
- _ Prepaid phone card
- _ Personal note of encouragement (perhaps a handmade card)

Treats:

- _ Chocolate (individually wrapped)
- _ Hard candy
- _ Mints
- _ Chewing gum

Teacher Shortage



Unfortunately, our school is not completely immune from the country-wide teacher shortage (which has been worsening since 2016.)

Whereas there is huge interest in the majority of longer-term teaching positions at our school, we struggle, in particular, to find substitute teachers for short-term

absences. This is why, more often than in the past, your child might:

- spend the day working in another classroom
- miss some of her/his support teaching time (as the Support Teacher is covering a class.)

Apologies for any disruption.

Dressing for School

Is that bikini top suitable for school activities?

How about the off-the-shoulder top, or maybe the crop top?

Are those low-cut jeans OK? Her underwear is showing - will that distract her classmates?

Will the slogan on his T-Shirt offend anyone in school?

Is it safe to wear football boots on tarmac?

I wore 'short shorts' when I was in 2nd class. Are they OK in 6th class?

Those wedges are a bit tricky, maybe I can do PE in my bare feet?



There is no uniform at Gorey Educate Together — when choosing clothes that are *suitable for everyday school activities* families can also incorporate individual preferences, if they so wish.

The number of potential questions about what to wear (or what *not* to wear) to school is perhaps endless.

As a general rule, when dressing for school we all have a part to play in helping to keep Gorey Educate Together as **accident free** and **child-friendly** as possible.

Again, all clothing needs to be **suitable for school activities**.

Clothing should never detract from pupils' learning, or any other positive school experience.

We seldom encounter unsuitable clothing or footwear at the school - let's keep it that way!

Raymond Swan

Principal

From our Guide for Parents & Guardians

Clothing: 'The children wear comfortable, casual clothing that they can manage on their own...'

'Long, dangling **earrings** are not suitable for school. They present a significant risk of injury if snagged while running on the playground, etc. **Chains** and **necklaces** (worn outside clothing) present the same risk.'

'The children should not wear (or carry) **make-up** to school. It could become a major distraction in the classrooms.'

Footwear: 'The children wear runners/trainers or non-slip shoes to school. Wearing unsuitable boots, sandals, heels, etc. would mean that the child couldn't participate in a range of daily activities (PE, dance, playground games, etc.) Heelies/wheelies, high heels and steel-capped boots are not permitted.'



Trip to Tinahely Farm.

Assembly by 6th Class.

Breakfast Together.