



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Updated school times: We want to get the most out of our school days, while continuing to eliminate crowding in the mornings and afternoons.

From Monday 9th November we ask that all children arrive at school between **8.30am and 8.50am**, (rather than 9.00am.) Lessons will begin at 8.50am.

Also from Monday 9th November, children using school buses and children who walk/cycle home will leave their classrooms at **2.20pm** (rather than 2.15pm.)

There is no change to the following:

2.30pm: Collect children with family names A - L.

2.40pm: Collect children with family names M - Z.

Please do not come to the school until your child's collection time. (This also applies to parents collecting Junior and Senior Infants at 1.30pm.)

Afternoon Departures: Please Keep Your Distance from staff and other families and 'Keep Moving.'



Classroom Ventilation



During the school day, everyone will need a sweater available, in case they feel cold.

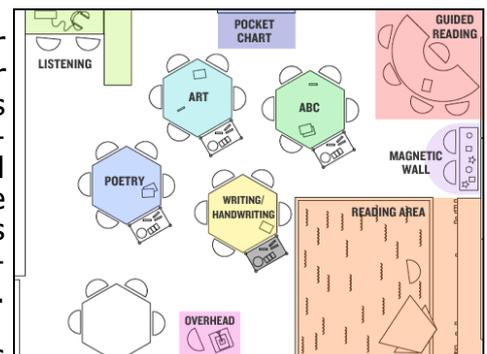
The school's central

heating system is now back in use every day, but we remain mindful of the need for good ventilation: our classroom doors remain open, and we also fully 'air' the classrooms during breaktimes (by opening all/most of the windows for a time.) Depending on the weather conditions, we usually keep one or two classroom windows open at other times of the day.

Classroom Layouts

Overall, the school's Board of Management is keeping all safety measures as they are (class bubbles, hand & respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning, non-sharing of pencils & art materials, staggered arrivals and departures, etc.) It is important that we don't drop our guard!

However, beginning later this week, our class teachers Junior Infants—2nd Class will once again have flexibility as regards classroom layouts. (Permanently grouped tables will return to some rooms, to greater facilitate the full range of learning activities for these age groups.)



The tables & chairs in classrooms 3rd—6th Classes will remain in rows. (The higher expectation re: physical distancing at this age level remains in place nationally.)