



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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**School Absences:** In *Aladdin Connect*, parents can now record their child's absences from school in advance. (I.e. you no longer need to wait for the teacher to do the daily Roll Call.) Recording absences in *Aladdin Connect* replaces the need for notes or emails or phone calls to the school.

**End of Year Concerts:** Sorry, no in-person performances this December, (due to Public Health precautions.) However, the school is preparing some video performances, and these will be uploaded to Class Dojo later this month!

**Tuesday 22nd December:** End of Term. Classes finish at

- 12.00 Collect junior and senior infants
- 12.20 School buses, walkers and cyclists
- 12.30 Drivers: Collect children with family names A - L.
- 12.40 Drivers: Collect children with family names M - Z.

Infants using the school buses will be supervised and escorted to their buses, as usual. **School reopens to pupils Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

**Enrolment:** School enrolment laws have changed. Our up-to-date Admission Policy and **Annual Admission Notice** can be found on our website.

If you applied for an August 2021 school place at Gorey Educate Together before the law changed on 1st February 2020, you do not need to reapply. Otherwise, applications for August 2021 will be accepted between 8th January 2021 and 29th January 2021. (Again, please see our Annual Admission Notice for full details.)

Government guidelines on **Face Coverings** are extended to include 'busy or crowded **outdoor** spaces where there is significant congregation.' This would generally include our school grounds.

**Friday 18th December:** Whole-School Charity Fundraiser by our 6th Classes. **"Odd Shoes and Odd Socks Day."**

6th class have chosen the following charities to support: 'St Aidan's Services,' Gorey and 'Alone.'

Suggested donation on the day: €2 per child or €5 per family.

'You can be as colourful and funny as you like, but remember that your shoes and socks can't match: so maybe one white runner and one brown shoe, one red football sock and one white ankle sock, maybe even one green wellington boot and one pink flip-flop.'

It is all for fun, and it is a reminder to everyone that all differences are welcome in our Educate Together school.



Infant playground: one of our favourite toys — the unicorns!