



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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NOW ENROLLING

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 2022 school place at Gorey Educate Together before the law changed on 1st February 2020, you do not need to reapply.

Otherwise, applications for August 2022 will be accepted between 10th January 2022 and 31st January 2022.

Apply for a school place online:
www.goreyeducatetogether.ie



Caution: All paths at and near the school can be slippery/icy in wintry weather.

Safety First! The children should always wear **sturdy, non-slip footwear** to school. Footwear should be suitable for the full range of daily school activities (playground games, PE, etc.)

non slip

Classroom Ventilation Yes, our central heating is on in every classroom every day! However, we also air the rooms a number of times each day & keep some windows & doors open in line with the current recommendations on infection control. During the school day, everyone is welcome to use an extra sweater or jacket indoors (in case they feel cold.) No hats or hoods indoors please, so that we can all see each other in class! No room should be overly cold. Please let us know if your child is having ongoing difficulties.



Green School committee members plant native tree saplings in our outdoor classroom.

Covid-19 Update: If your child receives a positive/detected Covid-19 **PCR** test result, please email info@goreyeducatetogether.ie The Principal will then message other parents of that class, to make them aware (& to provide them with details regarding free antigen testing kits.) No child will be identified. Please respect the privacy of all pupils and their families. All children who are well should continue to attend school. **Children who are not well should isolate at home, and testing should be organised: follow HSE or GP advice.**

For your information, pupil attendance has hovered between 77% and 86% since mid November. (In non-Covid times, daily pupil attendance averages 93%.) We are also experiencing a higher number of staff absences than usual, due to close-contact and other Covid-related rules.

However, with the assistance of some substitute staff and the redeployment of our superb Special Education Support Teachers we continue to do our best in keeping all classes running as 'normal.'

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.