

# Gorey Educate Together National School Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Welcome back everyone!

*And a very special welcome to all our new pupils, their families and to our new staff members.*

Copies (one per family) of the updated School Guide for Parents & Guardians are being distributed this week: please check your youngest child's school bag. Additionally, the booklet will soon be available to view on our website.

The Code of Behaviour remains unchanged. The Code can be viewed on [www.goreyeducatetogether.ie](http://www.goreyeducatetogether.ie)

The School Calendar can also be found on the website.

### **'Aladdin Connect' Home-School App:**

Family contact details, (if your child becomes ill at school:) update school records today from your own PC or Smartphone.

Your child's attendance records, (click 'reason for absence,' rather than writing a note to the teacher or emailing the school.)

Use of Aladdin Connect by parents is free of charge.

Weekly newsletters (Tuesdays) and other letters from the Principal will be shared via the Aladdin Connect App only. [Turn notifications 'On.']

(Parents who do not wish to use the App will need to check the school website on a regular basis instead.) Need a new activation link? Please contact [secretary@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:secretary@goreyeducatetogether.ie) To find out more about Aladdin please visit [www.aladdin.ie](http://www.aladdin.ie)

'Class Dojo' messaging & tools All our class teachers have shared registration links with parents (or they will do so in the coming days.) Parents only need the FREE version. We do not recommend any €€€ versions.

**Parent Coffee Mornings.** These informal get-to-know-you events are being held every Thursday in September. Venue: upstairs, in the school library. Time: 8.55am-9.30am. All are welcome!

**Homework Club:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes, 2.30-3.30pm. Organising teacher: Laura Dagger. Check Class Dojo in the next couple of days for information from Laura.

Optional Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. Please see the attached letter for details. All families will receive a payment link later this week (via Aladdin Connect.) If you wish to buy this optional insurance, please pay €6 (school activities only) or €9 (24-hour cover) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. (You only need to pay the relevant amount in Aladdin Connect. You do not need to return a paper form to the school.)

## After-School Activities

Mondays, Cricket, beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes, 2.30-3.30pm. Organising teacher: Patrick Cashman. To book, please send cash & child's name to the school office. €30 for 6 Mondays. Introductory level: throwing, batting, catching, field practice and Kwik Cricket.

Mondays, Fit Camp, beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes, 2.30-3.30pm. Organising teachers: Lizzie Dunne and Oisín Dunbar. To book, please send cash & child's name to the school office. €30 for 6 Mondays. Physical exercise and fitness activities.

Tuesdays, Science, beginning Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Junior & Senior Infants 1.30-2.30pm and 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes 2.30-3.30pm. €60 for 6 Tuesdays. Private company, online booking now open: [Gorey Junior afterschool 2023 | Nulty Scientists Wexford](http://GoreyJuniorAfterschool20231NultyScientistsWexford) [Gorey Senior afterschool 2023 | Nulty Scientists Wexford](http://GoreySeniorAfterschool20231NultyScientistsWexford)

Tuesdays, Gardening/Edible School programme, beginning Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Organising parents: Claire McCreesh and Susanna Kehoe. Junior & Senior Infants 1.30-2.30pm. First – Sixth Classes 2.30-3.30pm. To book, please send cash & child's name to the school office. €30 for 6 Tuesdays.

Wednesdays, Music (Keyboards), beginning Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Junior & Senior Infants 1.30-2.30pm and 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes 2.30-3.30pm (beginners) or 3.30-4.30pm (preliminary level.) €130 for 10 Wednesdays. Private company, online booking now open: [Our schedule](http://OurSchedule) [| Creative keyboards](http://CreativeKeyboards) [| Powered by Class For Kids](http://PoweredByClassForKids)

Wednesdays /Thursdays, Spanish, beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September. All ages Junior Infants – Sixth Class. See the attached poster. €95 for 12 weeks. Please contact this native Spanish speaker directly: Alba Molinero, [alba@goreyspanish.eu](mailto:alba@goreyspanish.eu), 089 229 1526.

Thursdays, Tennis, beginning Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes 2.30-3.15pm. €55 for 6 Thursdays. Private company, online booking now open: [Schools Zone Coaching Course at Gorey Educate Together National School .tista.ie](http://SchoolsZoneCoachingCourseatGoreyEducateTogetherNationalSchool.tista.ie)

# Getting to and from school

*Where possible/safe we encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school,*

either the full home to school distance or the last few hundred metres. Example: from Creagh College road.

Even if you are 'in a rush,' please don't inconvenience everyone else or endanger children by parking or stopping carelessly.

**2.30pm Pick-Up:** Again, where possible, please arrange for your child to meet you outside the school grounds. E.g. Kilnahue Lane or Creagh College road, etc.) Please move along as soon as you can, so as to avoid the closing times of the other nearby schools.

*Photo: School Show, "Star Warts," June 2023.*

Always leave the few Special Needs and Baby parking spaces at our school for those with most need (including parents of children in our special classes for autism.)

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**Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**7pm, at the school**

**All are welcome!**

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**School Closed Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: No electricity. (ESB works in our area.) Apologies for the inconvenience caused.**



**Medicines in school** Please visit the school website to check our policy. (Copies are also available from the office.) Emergency medicines (including inhalers) - parents & guardians are reminded that a request for the administration of medication form must be in place for your child. Children are not permitted to carry painkillers, etc. to school. In general, where non-emergency medication is required during the school day, parents need to come to the school to administer the medicine. Again, please see the policy document on the school website.