



Meanscoil na Toirbhirte

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Presentation Secondary School

**Listowel
Co. Kerry**

8th May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are well. As we approach the final school term of the 2018-2019 academic year I wish to inform you about the following items/events.

Academic Progress

School Management and Teachers are monitoring your daughter's progress. I hope that you have found the eportal system beneficial in relation to the school reports. Please contact me or any of your daughter's teachers if you have any questions regarding your daughter's work. A study and revision plan is crucial to solid academic performance.

Supervised Study is available every evening in the school at a very reasonable rate

The importance of attendance in classes for 3rd and 6th Year students

Teachers are very anxious to revise courses and to give students opportunities to do lots of exam questions at present.

That regular contact with subject teachers is vital at this time of the year.

Classes will run as normal for 6th years up until Thursday 23rd May. Teachers will be available to meet with 6th year students by appointment up until Friday 30th May.

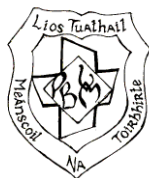
Summer Exams 2019

The Summer Exams will commence on Monday 27th May.

- ✚ First Year students will finish their exams on Wednesday 29th May at 3.20pm,
- ✚ Second Years will finish their exams on Thursday 30th May at 3.20pm
- ✚ Fifth Years will finish their exams on Friday 31st May at 12 noon
- ✚ The Summer holidays will begin on Friday 31st May at 12 noon.

State Exams/Supervised Study for 3rd Years and 6th Years

It is our sincere hope that your daughter is well prepared for the State Exams which begin on Wednesday 5th June 2019



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 **Classes for the 6th Years will finish on Thursday morning 23rd May**

 **Classes for the 3rd Years will finish on Friday 24th May.**

We will be offering supervised study to 3rd and 6th Year students on Monday 27th May, Tuesday 28th May, Wednesday 29th May and Thursday 30th May from 9am to 3.20/4pm. The study will be offered as a package of four days. There is no charge for this supervised study. Students must choose to do the four days or else not avail of the option. Students will be asked to sign up for the study before Friday 24th May

Transition Year Parents and Students Information Evening: TY 2019-2020

An Information Evening will take place on **Wednesday 15th May at 7pm** for parents and students of the 2019-2020 TY class.

Parents/guardians and students must attend this compulsory meeting.

Book List for 5th Year 2019-2020

The Book List is available on the school website.

Summer Exams and Portfolio Assessment for Transition Year students

The Summer House Exams for Transition Year students will take place on Friday 17th May and on Monday 20th May

Portfolio Assessment for TY students will take place on Wednesday 22nd May and on Friday 24th May. TY Students will finish their TY year on Wednesday 29th May following the TY Graduation.

Careers Day in UCC for 5th Year students

The 5th Year students will be travelling to the UCC event on Thursday 16th May. Ms. O'Dywer will be speaking to the girls regarding the trip.

Leaving Cert Graduation 2019

As the Leaving Cert girls approach the end of their time in Presentation Secondary School we will be holding a Graduation Ceremony with Canon Declan O'Connor on Thursday May 23rd at **3pm**. We wish the girls well with their exams. May God bless and protect them as they begin their new journeys in life.



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Board of Management

The Board of Management has invited the Executive of the Parents' Association and the Executive of the Student Council to meet with the Board on Tuesday 21st May. These meetings will provide an opportunity for the Board to listen and to engage with the partners in our school community.

Finance

A sincere thank you to all the parents/guardians who have supported the school financially during the year. As I have highlighted on numerous occasions we are in a financially challenging position therefore it vital that parents who have monies outstanding to the school for the school year 2018-2019 make those final payments please before the end of May.

New Payment System Launching of Way2Pay

We are now ready to launch our Way2Pay system. This facility allows parents to pay School expenses from home. All instructions for using Way2Pay are available on the School Website www.presentationsecondarylistowel.ie under the Communications tab.

When launched you will receive a number of texts outlining Expenses due – one text per expense.

We would be obliged if all expenses for 2019/2020 could be **paid by 21st June 201**

The Review of school policies

The Child Protection Safeguarding documentation is available on the school website.

At present we are reviewing the Substance Use Policy, the Draft Review of the Substance Policy is available on the school website. The consultation process will end on Friday 24th May. The Board will approve the reviewed policy at the June 2019 meeting.

We are also reviewing the Relationship and Sexuality Policy and the Assessment Policy at present, those reviews will be completed in the Autumn.

The Year Head Team will lead the Review of the Behaviour Code in September 2019

Parents' Association

The Board of Management will complete its three year term in October 2019. There will be a Parents' Association AGM in September to nominate two members to the new Board of Management 2019-2022



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TY Graduation

The TY Graduation will be held on Wednesday 29th May at 2pm

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday May 15th in the afternoon.

The Awards Ceremony provides us with a wonderful opportunity to affirm and acknowledge our girls.

Book Rental Scheme

The Book Scheme in the School is a very impressive scheme. From a financial point of view it offers parents the opportunity to plan ahead and also to make considerable savings. You will receive a letter in June with regards to the checking of books.

All 3rd year students are asked to return their books after each state exam.

If any 6th year student wishes to donate their books or uniforms we would gladly accept them.

School Office

The School Office will close on Friday 28th June at 12 noon and will reopen on Tuesday 6th August 2019. I wish to thank Geraldine, Jayne, Elaine and Bridie for their professionalism, wonderful work and kindness to all who have contact with them.

2019-2019 Academic Year

The school will open for staff and **Transition Year students on Monday 26th August.**
All other Year Groups will return on a phased basis that week.

Tuesday 27th August: 1st Year students and Transition Year students

Wednesday 28th August: 3rd and 6th Year students

Thursday 29th August: LCA 2, 5th Year and 2nd Year students

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Management, staff, parents and students for the continued commitment to and support of the school.

Please see below an article on Nano Nagle produced by Nano Nagle Place, Cork. The Nano Nagle Centre in Cork City is beautiful, it is a very vibrant centre and well worth a visit for a variety of reasons.



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Thanking you

Kind wishes

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Visit Nano Nagle Place, South Presentation Centre, Douglas Street Cork

The Story of Nano Nagle

If Nano Nagle were alive today she would be the kind of person to win a Nobel Prize. Before her death in 1784, Nano had opened 7 schools for poor children across Cork city, founded an almshouse for poor women, and most notably, founded the Presentation Order, who continue her education and social inclusion work today. Born to a wealthy Catholic family in 1718, Honoria Nagle was given the pet name Nano by her father. The Nagle family home at Ballygriffin, near Mallow, was on the banks of the river Blackwater.

Here Nano experienced an idyllic childhood with her younger siblings. The repressive Penal Laws meant that education for Catholics was not available in Ireland (unless they were willing to attend proselytising Church of Ireland schools) and Irish Catholics were forbidden from traveling to the continent to be educated. Despite this, Nano's family had Nano educated in France. Afterward she went to Paris to live with her relations.

A series of life changing events inspired Nano to devote her life to the service of the poor. On her way home from a ball in Paris she saw paupers mustering around a church door in search of alms. When Nano's father died and she and her sister Ann returned to Dublin to be with their mother, Nano began visiting poor families with Ann. Ann died suddenly, quickly followed by her mother. Nano decided she would devote her life to helping the poor. At first she thought this might be achieved by entering a religious order



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and she travelled to Paris and joined a convent. But Nano found that her life of religious enclosure allowed her little access to the needy. She felt her vocation was to offer poor Catholic children the chance to better their lives and engage in their religion through education. She made up her mind to leave the convent and return to Ireland to live with her brother Joseph and his wife Frances, who lived on Cove Street (now Douglas Street).

Since under the Penal Laws, operating a Catholic School could result in three months imprisonment, Nano had to work in secret. She began by opening a school next to our site at Nano Nagle Place in the early c. 1750s. This girls' school focussed on reading, writing, Catechism (Catholic religious instruction) and needlework.

Within ten years demand for the education which Nano provided was such that she was operating seven schools across the city of Cork, teaching both boys and girls. When Nano's family moved to Bath, Nano took a small cottage on Cove Street. By day she visited each of her schools, and by night she visited the poor of the Cork city. This was dark and treacherous work. The city streets were neither lit nor properly policed. Nano travelled by the light of the lantern she carried, and across the city of Cork she became known as 'Miss. Nagle, 'the Lady of the Lantern'.

In the 1760s Nano began to plan for the future of her educational mission. In 1771 she used money inherited from her wealthy uncle to build a convent for the Ursuline sisters, a teaching order, whom she invited from France. This convent survives as the oldest building at Nano Nagle Place today.

Nano's tireless work in her schools across the city and for the poor of Cork could never have been done if she were a sister in an enclosed order, as the Ursuline sisters were. Thus, she founded her own order 'The Institute of Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus' in 1775. She and three followers promised poverty, chastity and obedience to God until death, but they did not take enclosure and continued to teach and care for the poverty stricken where they lived. For five years, the small cottage near Nano's first school, on modern day Douglas Street, just south of Cork city centre, was their first convent. Nano then built a small convent on the same street, where sisters from the order are again living today (albeit in a newer building on the site).

Nano's long days and constant walking across the city took a toll on her health. She died at the age of 66 in 1784. During her life full of such remarkable achievement, she had wondered if there could be any greater joy in heaven than she had gained from teaching



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the children of Cork. Her order, the Presentation Sisters, have continued her mission across the world and into the present day.

Nano Nagle Place