



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the **Information Evening** For Parent(s)/Students Incoming 2020 / 2021

The current situation

- Acknowledging the current situation
- Online Teaching and Learning
- Microsoft Office and Teams

Mission Statement

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- Ours is a Presentation Secondary School, inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, and in response to her we welcome and cherish girls irrespective of ability or background.
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- We aim to develop a vibrant community of Pupils, Staff, Parents, and Management, based on Gospel values such as justice, truth and honesty, in accordance with the ethos of the school and our agreed Code of Discipline and conduct.
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- We aim to assist in the development of the full potential of each girl in a pleasant and safe environment, where the dignity of each member of the School community is recognised, affirmed and valued.
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- We aim to awaken our girls to their true dignity and role as women in present day society. Inspired by these values we dedicate ourselves to the continual development of our Presentation School.

Ethos

- Atmosphere of respect and dignity
- Welcoming school
- <u>Academic profile of the school</u>
- Levels of care small First Year classes
- Staff support
- SNA support
- Team Building
- Wellbeing as part of Junior Cycle

Induction Process

- Open Night in October
 Christmas Carol Service
- •Orientation Day –
- School Opens in August
- Transfer of information from Primary School

CAT Testing

- CAT Testing in September 2020
- Maths and English
- Online assessment
- Ability profile the cohort of students
- Tracking students throughout the school years
- This information will be shared with parents,
- contact me

First Year Surveys May

• What have you enjoyed mostly about being in 1st Year?

- Having a varied choice of subjects
- Making new friends
- Theme Weeks
- Activities
- Being treated like an adult
- The nice staff
- The Team Building Day
- Basketball matches
- Ice Cream Day
- Fun Days
- The things we get to do
- Going on the 5K walk
- Two classes of PE
- Your own independence
- New teachers
- Going on trips
- Meeting new people
- More responsibility
- More freedom
- Sports

First Year Surveys May

• What have you enjoyed mostly about being in 1st Year?

- Longer lunch
- Longer holidays
- How nice all the teachers are
- Experience new things
- Meeting new and nice teachers
- Getting a locker
- Finishing one month earlier for Summer
- Nice class
- Different events that took place
- Timetable and it was organised
- Learning new things
- Change from Primary
- Independence
- Class activities
- I really like my class
- Tests were not too hard

What did you find difficult about being in 1st Year

- Being left out
- Not knowing anyone
- Remembering books
- Remembering school books, keys, homework
- Homework
- Too many subjects
- Not being allowed down town at lunch time
- The school time
- Exams
- Minding books
- Being the youngest
- Staying on time
- Keeping the subjects for the whole year
- The lovely teachers
- Learning new languages
- Different classrooms each day
- New subjects and not being with my old friends in class
- Lockers

What did you find difficult about being in 1st Year

• Study

- The change from Primary to Secondary
- I didn't really get along with some people
- Some subjects are quite difficult
- Doing tests in subjects I was not keeping on
- February and Summer exams
- Finding my way around the school
- Not being able to do the subjects I wanted
- All the books I had to carry
- Getting to know the place when I started
- 9 classes a day, 9 pieces of homework
- Lots of books in my bag, my back was sore at times

What did you find difficult about being in 1st Year

- Harder exams and different teachers
- Small lockers
- Having different teachers for most subjects
- Finding the classroom for the first week or two
- Trying to learn all the subjects for exams
- Some languages, found difficult

Other questions asked

- Did you find it easy to make friends?
- Did you experience any bullying this year in school?
- If you did experience bullying in school, what kind or type of bullying did you experience?
- Name calling behind my back
- Insulting my family
- No, but I just felt left out at times
- Name calling, being nasty to me
- Exclusion

Timetable

- Monday and Tuesday 9am 4pm
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am 3.20pm
- Room for girls to study if waiting for a bus
- Lunch 1.15-2pm

Pastoral Care

- Class Teachers
- •Year Head
- Pastoral Care Team
- •TY/5th Year Mentors
- Student Council
- •Guidance, S.E.N.
- Principal and Deputy Principal

Home-work

- •One and a half hours per night
- Importance of the Journal special journal
- Organisational Skills
- Parent Supervision of Journal
- •Study Skills taught in class

Supervised Study

- <u>Supervised Study</u>
 To be confirmed in September
 COVID Advice to be followed
- We offer Supervised Study every evening after school. It is not a profit making venture for the school. At present we are not covering our costs at the current rate of €2 euro per hour or €4 per evening (2.5 hours on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) therefore we will have to charge €5 for study for the 2.5 hour sessions on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. We will offer a study deal to students who opt for study 5 evenings at €20



- Base Room/corridor
- Access Lockers in the morning, at break, lunch time and in the evening.
- Lockers may be locked if students wish.
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Social Activity Area

- Canteen Facilities hot food
- •Morning Break / Lunch
- Lunch-time activities
- Health and Wellbeing Junior Cycle

• First, Second and Third Years not allowed off the premises

Extra Curricular

Activities

- Basketball
- Football
- Fitness
- Rugby Badminton Athletics
- Book Club Science Club
- Theme Weeks Health, , French, Reading, Friendship, Subject Dept Theme Weeks

Communication with Parents

- Open Night
- Information Evening
- Letter to Parents eportal results
- Newsletters Summer & Christmas
- Texting
- Website Twitter Facebook
- Report on eportal Midterm, February & Summer
- Parent Teacher Meetings January 1st Year

Website and Twitter

- <u>School Website</u>
- Facebook page
- The school Website can be found at <u>www.presentationsecondarylistowel.ie</u>
- The School Twitter account is pressec_pss

Curriculum in First Year

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- French
- German
- Business
- Science

Home Economics Religious Ed. Exam CSPE SPHE/Wellbeing Music I.T. P.E. Art **Technical Graphics**

Subject Sampling

Decision at Midterm 2020

- **Choose a language**
- German/French
- and 3 of the following
- Business
- Art
- Home Economics
- Science
- Technical Graphics
- Music

New Junior Cycle

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10 subjects

- Wellbeing
- Other Areas of Learning
- Classroom based Assessments in 2nd & 3rd Year
- All of the New Junior Cycle Subjects have now being introduced



Announcements

Events Calendar

Curriculum

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Reading List School & local Library
- SEN Special Education Needs
- Assessment in September to identify abilities; gifted and additional needs.
- Formal House Exams February & May



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Uniform

- Uniform available in the town Irish sourced/ good quality.
- Brown Trousers / Brown Skirt
- Shirt
- Brown V neck jumper
- Black or Brown Shoes
- Pres Listowel school half zip optional

Behaviour Management

- Review of Code of Behaviour 6 POINTS
- Positive Affirmation Merit Stamps / Merit Cards
- Behaviour Acceptance Form
- Request for permission to leave school sign the journal & sign out at the office. Parents must come in
- Students arriving late to school sign in
- Attendance Absence notes
- Punctuality
- Acceptable Use Policy (A.U.P.) use of internet etc
- Anti Bullying Policy Respect and Dignity Policy

Mobile Phones

- Students can bring phones to school but they must turn the phone off and place the phone in their school bag or locker.
- The phone has to be turned off at all times with no access to it at morning break or lunch time
- Office staff are extremely helpful, any student can use the office phone to ring home during the day

School Insurance matters

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- I have been advised to inform parents that students who arrive on the school premises before 8.30am in the morning are the responsibility of their parents. School supervision technically begins at 8.30am.
- School insurance is compulsory for all students

Health

•Any students on medication or have medical problems please talk to the Principal.

Finance

- Section One: Mandatory Expenses
- Art and Technical Graphics
- for students that choose the subject for Junior Cycle

To cover cost of Paper & Rental of T-Squares/Set Squares/Compasses.

- SPHE Workbook:
- Journal:

Finance

- Online Payment Way2pay
- Or pay in the office with cash
- Locker Rental: ???? Covid advice to be taken
- **Photocopying:**
- Communications licences eportal
- Computers:



• Section Two: Insurance:

24 Hour – School & Leisure -



Voluntary Contribution:

- €100.00 per Student
- €150.00 per Family



<u>Finance Matters</u>

- Our School like many other Voluntary Secondary Schools is struggling financially.
- Any parents who wish to avail of the Payment Plan please talk to me.

Transition Year

a) To consolidate and develop the learning experience of the student which has taken place during the Junior Cycle.

(b) To develop study habits more suited to Senior Cycle and Third Level and to encourage the development of self-directed learning in all students so as to enable them to achieve at 3rd Level.

(c) To foster a growing sense of responsibility in the student for his/her own life so that he/she may become a responsible socially conscious citizen, able to cope successfully with the demands of society and of life.

Senior Cycle

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- Biology
- Modern Languages
- Art
- Home Economics
- Business
- Geography History
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Accounting
- Ag. Science
- Design Communication Graphics

Book Rental/Fees

- Fees Sheet
- Book Rental €140

Parents' Association

- Parents' Association
- Chairperson: Carmel Kelly

Board of Management in September 2019-2022 Chairperson Shay Downes

Board of Management

- <u>Trustee Nominees</u>
- Chairperson: Mr. Shay Downes
- Ms. Mary Frances Behan
- Ms. Marie O'Connor
- Mr. Ed Hayes
- Parents' Association
- Ms. Elaine Frizell
- Ms. Debbie Hannan
- <u>Staff</u>
- Ms. Marguerite Linnane
- Ms. Norma Dowling

THANK YOU