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**14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you and your family are well at this time.

I wish to thank you and your daughter(s) for the engagement you have had with us this year, it has been a challenging and difficult one for everybody.

I wish to inform you and to update you about a number of matters

**Classes finish for all students on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

To facilitate the Leaving Cert Accredited Grades Process this year, the Department of Education announced in recent months that classes for all students will finish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Classes will be held from 9am to 12 noon on that day.

**Academic Progress**

School Management and Teachers are monitoring your daughter's progress. The Class Test system that we introduced for all year groups this year has worked very well. It was introduced to ensure that the girls were assessed on material being covered this term and to reduce any concerns/anxieties that some students may have at this time.

The eportal will open during the week of Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> for you to access the Summer 2021 Assessments results. You will receive a text when it is open to parents

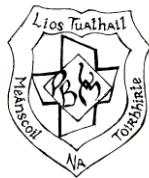
**Sixth Year Graduation Day 2021**

Following on from the COVID 19 Update and Clarification published by the Diocesan Covid Support Team on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, we have decided to hold the Leaving Cert Graduation Mass 2021 in the school hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Year students will wear their own clothes on the day.

Classes for other year groups will take place as normal that afternoon as the staff will not be attending the Graduation Mass in the hall.

***GRADUATION CEREMONIES***



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• *The Department of Education has written to school principals advising that schools can hold graduation ceremonies but that it will not be possible for schools to carry these out in the traditional format. Schools must make every effort to avoid organising events that could lead to unnecessary congregation of students or family members.*

• *Where Graduation Masses are taking place in school settings, they should be confined to the individual class grouping and carried out in accordance with the school's Covid-19 Response Plan and with all required protective measures in place.*

*Family members should not attend. Students and their families should be reminded that social events or gatherings should not take place after the graduation ceremony.*

**COVID 19 Update and Clarification published by the Diocesan Covid Support Team on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **The introduction of 1 hour classes in September 2021**

We are introducing 1 Hour classes in September 2021.

The school day on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday will be from 9am-4pm

The school day on Thursday/Friday will be from 9am-3pm.

Break (11am-11.15am) and lunch (1.15pm-2pm) will stay at the same times as they have always been.

### **Junior Cycle 2021 Certificate**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students will be issued with a school based Certificate and a Department of Education Certificate in September 2021

### **Book Rental Scheme Details for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students**

#### **Third Year**

**All** Book Rental books must be returned in a plastic bag with **the student's name attached** before she leaves school for Summer break Friday 28th May.

#### **Second Year: Book Rental Scheme Books Summer 2021**

Please return with **name attached**

OL maths students retain Active Maths 1.

Higher level students to return Active Maths 1

Irish books to be returned by all 2nd Year students



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### **First Year: Book Rental Scheme Books Summer 2021**

The following books must be returned with **name attached**

English, Irish, French

### **Book List for 1st Years and 5<sup>th</sup> Year 2021-2022**

The Book Lists are available on the school website. Some incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year parents and students may choose not to join the Book Rental Scheme therefore we have the Book List on the website

### **Way2Pay**

This facility allows parents to pay School expenses from home. All instructions for using Way2Pay are available on the School Website [www.presentationsecondarylistowel.ie](http://www.presentationsecondarylistowel.ie) under the Communications tab.

### **Financial Support toward the cost of the Book Rental Scheme**

The Department of Education and Skills give all schools funding to support Needy Students

A needy student is defined as a student from a family where there is:

- Genuine hardship because of unemployment or short time working
- Prolonged illness of a parent
- Large family size with inadequate means
- Single parenthood
- Other family circumstances (e.g. alcoholism) indicating a similar degree of financial hardship

The Department of Education and Science guidelines divide such families into the following three categories:

- Families which are dependent mainly on social welfare payments
- Families on low incomes from employment (Such families should be in receipt of the Family Income Supplement (FIS) or beneficiaries under the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear scheme)
- Families which are experiencing financial hardship because of particular circumstances in the home

Entitlement to a medical card is not necessarily an indication of eligibility.

If you require support please see the application form on the website. Please post it or email it school office for my attention please. [office@preslistowel.ie](mailto:office@preslistowel.ie)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is for the Needy Book Scheme is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



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### **A Payment Plan**

A Payment Plan is available to all parents/guardians who wish to avail of it. Please speak to me if you wish do so. Each payment plan can be designed to suit each family.

### **Class Trips Junior Cycle**

The Board of Management has approved and risk assessed the following outdoor trips to Glanageenty Woods for a walk.

- ✚ First Year- Monday 24th May
- ✚ Second Year- Friday 14th May
- ✚ Third Year- Wednesday 26th May

### **Summer Newsletter 2021**

The Summer Newsletter 2021 will be available on the website and on our social media platforms at the end of the month.

### **School Administration Charges**

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions this school like many other Voluntary Secondary School is struggling financially. The School at present asks for money for the following:

#### **School Administration Charges**

- School Journal
- School Insurance
- Electronic Correspondence and licences (access to eportal, school app, website and Way to Pay texting system)
- Locker
- Computer Maintenance

The Board of Management is seeking a voluntary contribution from parents. This money will go towards supporting activities for the girls - for example Activities and Theme Weeks. The Board is requesting €100 per student and €150 per family as a voluntary contribution.

### **School Uniform**

It is very important that all students wear the correct uniform at all times.



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The uniform is available in the town, is Irish sourced and is of good quality. I have been informed that the local supplier will be advertising in the Listowel Advertiser shortly.

- **Brown Trousers / Brown Skirt**
- **Shirt**
- **Brown V neck jumper**
- **Black or Brown Shoes:**

**Students can wear whatever shoes they choose coming and going from School but wear black or brown shoes at School. Runners or footwear that resembles runners are not accepted.**

### **September Information/Consultation Evenings**

Please God we hope to be holding our in person Information Events as usual for all parents in September 2021.

### **Communication with parents**

Please ensure that the School has your correct contact details. If you have changed your mobile number or if you are not receiving text messages contact the office. The School Website, Facebook page and Twitter accounts are important sources of information for parents.

### **The School App**

Please ensure that you have downloaded the school app if you have not already done so.

### **School Office**

The School Office will close on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** and will reopen on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. I wish to thank Jayne, Elaine and Bridie for their professionalism, wonderful work and kindness to all who have contact with them.

### **Contact in August**

You will receive a detailed letter from me in August outlining the main issues for the 2021-2022 academic year.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and students for the support and goodwill we receive from you all.

This school is a wonderful school, full of commitment, hard work and dedication to our students.

Please contact me at any time should any issues arise.



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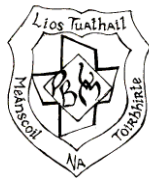
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Thanking you

Kind wishes

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