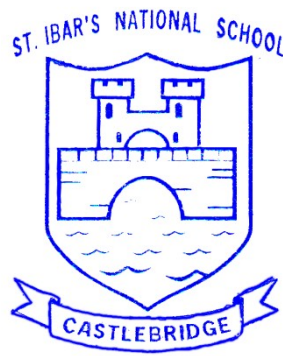


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28th June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to all who have worked so hard to keep us all safe during this difficult year. I extend my sincere gratitude to you parents/guardians, staff, Board of Management, school cleaners, and the Parents Council. In particular a special word of thanks to our wonderful children in the school. They have met the difficult times we have faced together with courage and bravery, and have adapted so well to all the changes and challenges they have faced. The whole school community is extremely proud of them!

Following a letter from the Department of Education on 17th June it is expected that schools will continue to operate with the current infection prevention and control measures in place to support their safe operation during Covid-19 when they re-open in August/September. Schools are therefore planning to re-open in August/September and will continue to operate in line with their own unique Covid-19 response plans. Obviously the Department of Education will be looking at all measures and supports that allow us to stay successfully open. It is my belief that we will continue to operate initially, very similarly to how we operated this year. Once again thank you for your continued support and co-operation in this area.

For the children in 6th class this is the end of your primary school journey and you are no doubt looking forward to commencing secondary school in September. I wish you every happiness and success as you start that new chapter in your lives and thank you for your wonderful contribution to the school.

For those of you who will be returning to primary school in Autumn I greatly hope it will be a year during which you will be able to resume many of the activities that make your primary school lives so pleasurable.

To all of you I send my deepest gratitude and my best wishes for a happy and enjoyable summer holiday. Bain gach sult as an Samhradh. Make the most of these long summer days and enjoy yourselves as you spend time with your families and friends.

Kind regards,

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Edward Lyons,  
Principal.