



Newsletter 28th May, 2020

Uniforms/Tracksuits

Just a reminder that Greenmount school uniforms and tracksuits can be bought from Laura's Schoolwear. Unit C1, Dosco Commercial Park, Douglas on **Monday June 15th and Tuesday June 16th 2020**. A 10% discount applies on these dates. Please note that Junior and Senior Infants only need to purchase a school tracksuit. From 1st class up, children wear a school tracksuit on PE days and their uniform on the other days. Instructions on how to have your uniform posted to you by Laura's or how to organise collection can be found at the following link. <https://greenmount.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Letter-re-uniforms-tracksuits.pdf>

School Lunches

Food hampers, instead of school lunches continue to be delivered once a fortnight to families that have requested them. If you wish to be added to this deliver list, you can do so by emailing oifig@greenmount.ie and include your name, address and eircode.

Collecting Books

Ber has sent details on how to book an appointment to collect books. If you did not yet get an opportunity to collect your child's books you can email Ber at ber@greenmount.ie and she will make arrangements for you to safely collect what you need.

Remote teaching and learning

Thank you to all that responded to our recent remote learning survey. The results will help us better tailor what support we send home for your child. I want to thank parents and children for rising to the challenge of remote learning from home. I am continuously impressed with how children are adapting to this new way of learning. I can appreciate that this is a huge challenge for families but you are doing your very best in extraordinary times. Do what you can, when you can and remember that the physical health, mental health and wellbeing of your family come first and foremost. The staff are here to support you in any way we can.

Report Cards

Due to the unusual circumstances of such a long school closure and the fact that children have been taught remotely rather than in school, the school will not issue a formal report card at the end of the year. Your child will be posted a class completion certificate at the end of June. You will receive a school report card when we return to school and have completed a term.

All parents have the email addresses of their child's teacher and are free to ask any specific questions they may have around their child's progress this year if they wish to.

Future Extension

The Board of Management are delighted to inform you that the school has received notification of an offer from the Department of Education to build a Special Educational Needs extension. This extension will provide state of the art facilities for our special class ASD pupils and for the school as a whole.

The Board will now begin the process of tendering for an architect to design and take the project to planning permission stage. This project is only at an initial stage and can face many challenges but we would hope it will become a reality.

This extension will dramatically improve the physical environment of the school and also ensure our ASD Class children receive the very best of resources.

The Board are very proud of the school's commitment to education for all and for the extremely high standard of special educational needs provision at our school. This marks an exciting new phase in the history of a very progressive and caring school.

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Finbarr Hurley

Principal