



3rd June, 2021.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

School Closure:

- Please note that the school will be closed to all pupils tomorrow Friday, 4th June.
- Please note that all pupils get their summer holidays on Monday, 28th June and not on Tuesday 29th.

Change of Address: If you have changed your address, telephone number or email address please inform Ann in the School Office.

School Financial Contribution: Please pay the school financial contribution immediately. This covers items such as book rental, photocopying, art & craft, school report card and digital technology etc. You can pay electronically or in cash to your child's teacher.

Review of School Policies: The following policies have been reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management. All are available to view on the school website www.stitaloughrea.com or available in hardcopy from the school office.

- Child Protection Policy
- School Uniform Policy

Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy by the B.O.M: The Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy was carried out at the B.O.M. Meeting on 12th May, 2021.

Vision & Hearing Testing of Senior Infant pupils: If your child missed out or if you have any queries you can contact Marie O'Toole Schools' Nurse at the local HSE centre.

I.C.T.:

- Delivery of 15 new iPads to increase our iPad stock to 30. These are available to all classes on a timetabled basis.
- Beebot Kits – on loan from Galway Education Centre for Jun. Inf. to second class.
- Lego We Do Kits – on loan from Galway Education Centre for third to sixth classes.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: This school year our Parent/Teacher Meetings were held during April and there was a very high level of engagement from parents/guardians.

In Person Supplementary Programme: A total of eight pupils participated in this programme which is organised through the Department of Education.

School Attendance: Please continue to ensure that your child attends school regularly. You must notify your child's teacher when your child is absence

Loughrea Youth Project: This organisation has a variety of projects and is available to pupils in sixth class. Phone the school office and I will put you in contact with Meg (co-ordinator).

Loughrea Family and Resource Centre: This organisation offers supports to families in a variety of ways. You can drop in to their offices on Piggot Street.

Active School Week: A variety of activities such as Dance 10 @ 10, orienteering using iPads in School Yard and class walks to venues outside the school were held as part of our Active Schools Week during the first week in May.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: All parents of last year's First Holy Communion class and of this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes have been informed by Monsignor Geraghty and Bishop Duignan that these ceremonies have been postponed until further notice.

Standardised Testing: Pupils in second to sixth classes were administered Standardised Tests in English and Mathematics. The results will be communicated to you in the end of year School Report Card.

Sports For All Day: This year on account of Covid 19 restrictions we have spread our Sport For All Day over a number of days. Weather permitting, we hope to complete this programme next week. Your child will be told in advance of the specific date.

Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.): The S.P.H.E. lesson on Relationships and Sexuality Education (R.S.E.) for all classes will be implemented during June 2021.

School Reports: You will receive your child's report by post on the week beginning June 14th. If you have any queries or wish to discuss it with your child's teacher please ring the office (091 – 841605) to make an appointment and the relevant teacher will discuss your query **by phone**. It will **not** be possible to deal with queries about reports, by email. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Covid-19: Please continue to be vigilant and follow all of the HSE advice and guidelines as we try to minimise the effects of Covid-19. Parents must wear a mask inside the school grounds and parents should wait at the gate when collecting a child for an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. P. Coyle,
Principal.