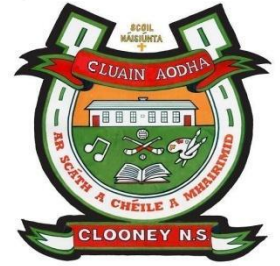


Clooney National School



Carrahan, Tulla, Co, Clare Tel: 065 6835806 Roll No.152791

19th of November 2021

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I would like to bring the following items to your attention.

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

The Parents Association have hit the ground running by organising a Christmas raffle to fundraise for sports equipment and other educational resources for the school. There are lots of fabulous prizes to be won. Make sure to keep an eye out on the school's social media for prize updates. Every family will receive one raffle card with 25 lines. Each line costs €2. You are encouraged to do your best to sell as many lines as possible, while adhering to government guidelines surrounding COVID-19. We would greatly appreciate if every family could do their best to sell one card within your own family circle. All completed cards will be entered into a separate sellers draw. Regardless of whether you can sell a full card or not we want to say *thank you* to all families for their support. **As this is a licensed draw please return the card to the school sold or unsold by Monday the 13th December 2021.** The raffle will take place on Friday the 17th of December 2021.

Chairperson: Lisa Coote

Treasurer: Eilish O'Keeffe

Secretary: Michelle Mc Mahon

Social Media PR: Kate Deegan

Board Member: Angela Whelan

Sacraments

To date we haven't received dates for this year's First Holy Communion or Confirmation. As soon as dates are confirmed, we will let parents know.

Team Hope – Christmas Shoebox Appeal

All 54 boxes donated to the shoebox appeal were collected on Monday the 8th of November. Thank you all for your generosity and support of this very important initiative.

Clothing Collection – 1st of Dec

A clothing collection will take place on Wednesday, **1st of December at 9.30 am.** Please spread the word with family and friends. All monies raised will be used to purchase games for our school yard. Bags of clothes, shoes and handbags may be left into the school at the hall door during school hours for the collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Absence Notes

Following any pupil absence from school please inform the school by email or in your child's diary of the dates and reason for the absence (Illness/Urgent Family Reason/Holiday/Other) so that we may record it on our online roll system.

Also, all children returning to school after an absence must have a completed **Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form.** This can be filled in online or can be printed by parent(s)/guardian(s) and returned with the pupil. If you have any questions in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to discuss it with you. *Thank you.*

School Closure

The school will close at **12 noon on Friday December 3rd** to facilitate a staff training half day for all teachers on the Primary Language Curriculum. All primary schools in the country are engaged in this training, with schools closing on different days.

COVID -19

Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19. If you notice your child developing symptoms contact your GP for advice. If any child receives a positive test for COVID-19 it is important that you inform the school principal **immediately**. – clooneyns@gmail.com As always thank you so much for your co-operation in keeping our school community safe.

Common symptoms of COVID -19 are:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- A new cough – this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Aches and pains

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Parent Teacher Meetings

It is planned to hold parent teacher meetings during the week of the 24th of January 2022. As the situation stands now with COVID-19, it is likely that PTM's will be held over the phone. More details will follow closer to the time. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss any matter with a member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact the office by phone or email to make an appointment for a phone call with your child's class teacher.

Policy Review Notifications

As per statutory requirements the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-Bullying policy was completed on the 16th of November 2021.

Mandatory Template 3: Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Clooney N.S.

The Board of Management of Clooney N.S. wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 16th of November 2021.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website www.education.ie

Signed Betty Murphy Date 16/11/2021

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Marie Minogue Date 16/11/21

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Notification regarding the Board of Management's annual review of the anti-bullying policy

To: School Community of Clooney N.S.

The Board of Management of Clooney N.S. wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 16/11/2021.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in **Appendix 4** of the Department's *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed Betty Murphy Date 16/11/2021
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Marie Minogue Date 16/11/21
Principal

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email (clooneyns@gmail.com) or by phone (065 6835806) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Marie Minogue