



# GLANMIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Letter to Parents 2019/2020 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Preparations are well under way for the 2019/2020 academic year. Please see below some important information which we hope will help you in planning for September.

### **Student Commitment**

We ask you and your child to give consideration to the following points before the start of term in GCC:

1. Daily attendance at school is a requisite for high quality learning.
2. Being on time for school each day and presenting in full uniform, which is neatly worn.
3. Showing respect and courtesy at all times towards your peers, your teachers and visitors to GCC.
4. Having high personal expectations and standards for your work, your classroom and your school.
5. Helping to develop a sense of pride in our school, as a place where your contribution is valued.
6. Having the drive, determination and ambition to achieve your goals.

### **Return dates for students**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Years and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years +LCA2	8.50am – 12.30pm
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm – 3.50pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Years +LCA1	8.50am – 12.30pm
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm – 3.50pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , TY, 6 <sup>th</sup> Years +LCA2	8.50am – 12.30pm
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm – 3.50pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Full school day for all Year Groups.	8.50am – 1.00pm





### School Calendar

Please note our full school calendar for the 2019/2020 school year is available on our school website [www.glanmirecc.ie](http://www.glanmirecc.ie). The school calendar will provide you with information on the main school events throughout the school year, for example, school holidays, parent/pupil/teacher meetings and subject information seminars.



### School Day Start and Finish Times

Monday to Thursday: 8.50 a.m. to 3.50 p.m.

Friday: 8.50 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Each school day starts at 8.50am sharp. It is important that all students are in school prior to the start time in order to be ready to meet their Class Teacher at Registration which is at 8.50am. Please note that the school opens at 8.00a.m. each morning.



### Morning Break:

11.35 a.m. to 11.50 a.m.

All Year Groups

Monday to Thursday

### Lunch Breaks:

1.10 p.m. to 1.50 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Years

Monday to Thursday

1.50 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

TY, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Years

Monday to Thursday

11.10 a.m. to 11.40 a.m.

All Year Groups

Fridays only



### College Uniform

Students are required to come to school in full, clean and clearly labelled uniform. All items of uniform can be purchased in McCarthy's Sportsworld, which is located above Supervalu in Glanmire.

- Navy jacket with school crest
- Jumper with school crest
- Shirt and Tie
- Grey Pants. No deviations from school uniform pants. **Strictly no leggings.**

- Skirt and grey tights
- Grey socks
- Black shoes. No logos or coloured soles
- Please take note that piercings are not allowed, except for one stud in the lower lobe of each ear. Students are not allowed to wear plasters to cover piercings.
- Uniform tracksuit is compulsory for PE classes. Tracksuit pants must have school crest.

*Parents & Guardians are kindly requested to ensure that all uniform items are labelled with your child's name. This will assist us in the prompt return of mislaid or lost items.*



### Stationery Requirements

Details of stationery list requirements for each year group is available on our school website in the 'School Memos' section.



### Wheellie Bags

Please note that, in agreement with the GCC Parent's Council, all 1<sup>st</sup> Year students are required to use a wheellie bag. We kindly ask that all 1<sup>st</sup> Year parents help to ensure that this rule is strictly adhered to throughout the full school year and we will fully support its implementation here in the school.



### Student Development Fund

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Student Development Fund which allows us to maintain many of the supports we currently provide to our students. These include our book loan scheme, student Insurance Scheme (24 hour cover), payment for buses, pre examination costs for third and sixth year students, photocopying, building repairs and upgrading of facilities.

A reminder that in consultation with our Parents Council and Board of Management **the student activity fee for all students is €250 per year.** Please note the school is not allowed to accept cash as a means of payment. We encourage parents to use our online payment system 'Way2Pay' which maintains an electronic record of all payments. The parent information booklet on this is available on our website by clicking on the Way2Pay icon. A link will be sent to your phone from Way2Pay. If you have difficulty using this system, please contact Way2Pay on 01-5424167 or email [support@way2pay.ie](mailto:support@way2pay.ie)



Alternatively, we can accept personal cheques, postal orders or credit union drafts. These must be made payable to the Cork ETB. Fees can be paid anytime up to Friday, 12 July 2019. Please note the school, in consultation with our Parents Council and Board of Management, have introduced an alleviation of school fees for families of one or more children in the school as follows:

Child 1: €250 Child 2: €200 Child 3: €150 Child 4: €100 Child 5: €50

We do appreciate that these fees can be a considerable burden on some families. If you have any difficulties in paying this money please contact the Principal Mr McCarthy in confidence and a mutually suitable arrangement will be put in place.

**It is important to note that the book loan scheme is only available to students who have paid the fees or who have made contact with the Principal regarding same.**

### **Charitable status of the school**

Schools are recognised as eligible charities, therefore, the school can claim tax relief on any contribution made in excess of €250 (inclusive of all children). This has no implication whatsoever for the person who makes the contribution. In September we will be asking you to complete a CHY3 form and return it to the school. The revenue this generates will be of benefit to the school and to your child. To date we have not been able to make maximum use of this source of revenue because a significant number of parents have not completed the form. Your co-operation in September will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all in late August. We especially look forward to welcoming our new cohort of 1<sup>st</sup> Year students to GCC and we hope that the coming school year provides many engaging learning experiences for all our students. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Summer!



**Ronan McCarthy**  
Principal

**Gertie Cahill**  
Deputy Principal

**Seán McGrath**  
Deputy Principal

**Seamus Kennefick**  
Deputy Principal