



GLANMIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Letter to Parents 2020/2021 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Preparations are well under way for the 2020/2021 academic year. Please see below some important information which we hope will help you in planning for the next academic year.

We wish to draw your attention to the following important information:

Student Commitment

We ask all students and parents/guardians 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 (To be confirmed)

Tuesday 1 st September	1 st and 6 th Years +LCA2	8.50am. – 12.30pm.
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Wednesday 2 nd September	3 rd and 5 th Years +LCA1	8.50am. – 12.30pm.
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Thursday 3 rd September	1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 6 th +LCA2	8.50am. – 12.30pm.
	Staff Meeting	1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Friday 4 th September	Full school day for all Year groups and	8.50 am. – 1.00pm.

Draft School Calendar

Please note our school calendar for the 2020/2021 school year remains as a Draft calendar until such time as we receive further instructions about the re-opening of schools. All up to date information will be available on our school website www.glanmirecc.ie.

The Draft 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 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Years	Monday to Thursday
	1.50 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	TY, 5 th , 6 th 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.

Wheelie Bags

Please note that in agreement with the GCC Parent's Council, students are no longer required to use a wheelie bag. We do encourage you to consider this option, especially for our First Year students, who struggle with the weight of school books on their backs. We will fully support students who choose to use wheelie bags in school. Lockers will also be made available to all students.

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.

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.

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

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, 17 July 2020.**

Please note that the school, in consultation with our Parents Council and Board of Management, has introduced an alleviation of school fees for families of one or more children in the school:

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.

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 hope and look forward to seeing you all in late August. We especially look forward to welcoming our new cohort of 1st 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
