



# GLANMIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Letter to Parents 2021/2022 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our preparations for the 2021/2022 academic year have already begun and we wish to provide you with some important information which we hope will help you in planning for the next academic year. All up to date information will be available on our school website [www.glanmirecc.ie](http://www.glanmirecc.ie). You are advised to visit the school website regularly to keep yourself informed.

### Return Dates for Students

Tuesday 31 August	1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years +LCA2 Staff Meeting	8.50am. – 12.30pm. 1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Wednesday 1 September	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Years +LCA1 Staff Meeting	8.50am. – 12.30pm. 1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Thursday 2 September	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> +LCA2 Staff Meeting	8.50am. – 12.30pm. 1.10pm. – 3.50pm.
Friday 3 September	Full school day for all Year groups and	8.50 am. – 1.00pm.

### Key dates in June 2021:

Friday 18 June 2021: Presentation of trophies and certificates to Diograis 2021 award winners. Students will be sent an invitation by post.

Tuesday 22 June 2021: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students return their books to the Book Loan Scheme. Further information will be provided on the school website next week.

Tuesday 22 June 2021: GCC Parents Council Uniform Bank – collection of uniform items. Further information will be provided on the school website next week.

Tuesday 29 June 2021: GCC Parents Council Uniform Bank – sale of uniform items. Further information will be provided on the school website next week.

### School Calendar 2021/2022

Please click on the link to view our school calendar for the 2021/2022 school year. 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. As the country begins to open up fully, we anticipate a more traditional and less disrupted return to school life. However, certain elements of the school re-opening such as the availability of lockers, the wearing of masks, pupil/parent/teacher meetings etc. have yet to be clarified and we may need to be flexible and adapt as we receive further instructions from Cork ETB (CETB), the Department of Education (DES) and Public Health.

### 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 building opens at 8.00a.m. each morning.

<b>Morning Break:</b>	11.35 a.m. to 11.50 a.m.	All Year Groups	Monday to Thursday
<b>Lunch Breaks:</b>	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

#### Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones must be turned off and out of sight throughout the school day unless a subject teacher requests the use of mobile phones in class for a specific learning purpose. Parents are asked to note this also applies during break times and before school. Students are not allowed to contact parents directly via mobile phone during the school day. If a parent needs to be contacted this should be done through the school office. Otherwise, if students are using phones during the school day, the phones will be confiscated and handed to the Deputy Principal, and may be returned to the student after school on the following day.

#### School 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.

*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.*

- 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.
- Shellac, Gelish, Acrylic or Nail Extensions are not appropriate for school and therefore are not allowed.
- Uniform tracksuit is compulsory for PE classes. Tracksuit pants must have school crest. Again leggings or alternative track suit ends are not permitted.
- On the day that they have PE, students are allowed to wear their school tracksuit for the full school day. This is being introduced following representations from parents, students and staff. Its success will depend on the cooperation of all of us in ensuring the rules regarding uniform and school track suits (outlined above) are observed in full.

### **Stationery Requirements**

Details of stationery list requirements for each year group will be available on our school website not later than Friday 18 June 2021. Parents will be texted when the stationery list is uploaded to the school website.

### **Wheellie Bags**

Please note that in agreement with the GCC Parent's Council, students are no longer required to use a wheellie bag. We do encourage you to consider this option, especially for our First Year students, who sometimes can struggle with the weight of school books on their backs. We will fully support students who choose to use wheellie bags while in school. Wheellie bags should also be considered in the context that, as outlined above, we do not know if school lockers will be made available to all students in September.

### **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. Indeed, our school pitch development, which will cost in the region of €550k, would not have been possible without the consistent contributions of families to the school over a long number of years.

A reminder that in consultation with our Parents Council and Board of Management **the student activity fee for all students is €250 per year.\***

*\*The student activity fee for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Years (September 2021) has already been paid as part of the enrolment process.*

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

Please note payments made to the school must be cashless. We encourage parents to use our online payment system 'Way2Pay' which maintains an electronic record of all payments and allows you to pay in instalments if necessary. A link has been sent to your phone from

Way2Pay which will enable you to make the payment. 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, 25 June 2021**.

The Way2Pay parent information booklet is available on our website by clicking on the Way2Pay icon (top right hand corner of the home page). If you have difficulty using this system, please contact Way2Pay on 01-5424167 or email [support@way2pay.ie](mailto:support@way2pay.ie)

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. For example, approximately half our €550k pitch development will be funded through charitable refunds. Much effort has been made to streamline the process over the last few years to maximise this income source. Your continued co-operation in September will be greatly appreciated.

### **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.

As always, 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 a return to normality and an opportunity for our student learners to re-engage fully with their learning programmes. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Summer!

**Ronan McCarthy**  
Principal

**Gertie Cahill**  
Deputy Principal

**Seán McGrath**  
Deputy Principal

**Seamus Kennefick**  
Deputy Principal