



# *St. Brigid's Girls' National School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm sure you have all heard the changes to the restrictions that will come into play, all going well, from Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. One of the changes permits larger gatherings outside.

This means that we will be able to hold a short Graduation ceremony on the yard on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00 am. We still have to bear in mind, the time we spend on the yard, the number of people and social distancing. It won't be exactly like other years but we are planning that it will be a special occasion for the children.

I would ask that the following rules are followed to allow the Graduation take place.

- A **max** of two adults allowed per child only. No other children please.
- School uniform must be worn.
- Every family unit stands at a cone and keeps their distance from others at all times, some cones will be placed on the grass to use all space.
- Principal and 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers will remain on steps throughout the ceremony.
- Child will come to collect presentation of yearbook, adults remain at the cone.
- Ceremony will last a max of 20 mins.
- All to exit the yard once the ceremony has concluded.

This will be our only opportunity to hold the ceremony so it will go ahead regardless of weather, bring an umbrella if necessary. Unfortunately there won't be reception after the ceremony as we must be mindful of the time that a

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group spends together. We will be taking all necessary precautions to protect all. Teachers will not be available for photographs at the ceremony. One aspect of the ceremony is the letter exchange where the girls have a letter written for the parents and the parent has a letter written for their child. The girls were asked to complete this as part of last week's work. It can be written this week if not already completed. In the letter that you write to your child maybe give some advice as they progress onto this next stage of their lives.

The book collection will still go ahead on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> so please come and collect on Wednesday as we won't have the space to do this safely on Tuesday. Children are not to come to school during the book collection.

Ms O' Sullivan's class will be returned on the yard at 9.30-10.00 and Ms Hession's will be returned on the yard from 10.15-10.45. Please remember to bring returned books in a labelled bag.

I understand that some of us may not wish to attend and I completely understand. If this is the case contact the school and we will make sure the yearbooks are included in the book collection on Wednesday.

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