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Dear Parents,

Covid News

- Last Thursday a Department of Education inspector visited the school to carry out an inspection to support the safe provision of schooling. While we will be issued with a report in the coming weeks, the inspector confirmed to me that the school is fully compliant with all the Covid guidelines laid down by the Dept.of Education. Once the report is issued, it will be published on our website.
- All the latest Covid updates from the HSE and the Department of Education can be found on our website at this link: <https://www.geashillns.ie/covid-info/>
- Please continue to complete this Return to School Form following any absence from school.
[https://www.geashillns.ie/covid-info/return-to-educational-facility-parental-declaration-for m/](https://www.geashillns.ie/covid-info/return-to-educational-facility-parental-declaration-for-m/)

School Photographs

County Photos are coming to the school on Friday, 14th May. Proofs will be sent home soon after and those wishing to make a purchase can do so then. As always there is no obligation on anyone to buy anything. Full details on prices and how to purchase will be included with the proofs.

Active School News

- We had a wonderful week of activities both at home and at school for Active Schools' Week. Well done to everyone for their enthusiastic participation.
- Offaly Sports' Partnership are facilitating athletics training for all classes over 6 weeks starting today Monday, May 10th.

Standardised Tests

Later this month, we will carry out standardised tests in 1st to 6th classes, as directed by the Dept. of Education. These tests will provide valuable information for us as we plan for teaching and learning next year. The last 14 months have been difficult for everyone, not least our children. We do not want these tests to cause extra worry and anxiety for anyone and we will make every effort in school to help with this. Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

First Communion & Confirmation

No dates have yet been issued by the parish for First Communion or Confirmation. As you know such celebrations have not been permitted in this latest lifting of restrictions. Bishop Denis Nulty issued a statement about this last week. You can read it at this link:

<https://www.geashillns.ie/wp/wp-content/uploads/KL-Statement-re.-Sacraments-April-2021.docx>

As soon as dates are confirmed we will let you know.

Staff News

- Following Marie Kearns' retirement in November, Colette Hyland has been appointed Deputy Principal. Also, Fiona Walsh has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal. I wish them both well in their respective roles.
- Congratulations to Deirdre Bell on the birth of her baby boy last month.

Yours sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland