



3rd June, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I would like to thank you and your families for the continued support that you have shown the staff and students of Our Lady's throughout this year. It has been an exceptionally busy year and we are all delighted to be back to in person meetings and gatherings. Classrooms are again alive with the sound of active group learning and there is a greater sense of engagement with classwork thanks to the lifting of restrictions.

To bridge the learning gaps from the periods of remote learning we ran an extensive CLASS (Covid Catch Up Programme) throughout the school year at both lunch and after school times. Students were given open invitations to attend wellbeing classes and academic classes to assist where needed. Letters were sent home, calls made to parents and a detailed tracking programme ensured that we did our very best to give those who needed it an academic step up as well as offering much needed wellbeing classes to enhance socialising and to manage anxieties. Your daughters have assisted this process by their positive engagement both inside and outside the classroom in all the activities that we offered.

The very successful sporting year this year reflects the pent up demand for extra curricular activities. OLS won trophies in hockey, basketball, camogie, gaelic football and on the Athletics tracks and in the swimming pools. Our replacement astro turf pitch has shown tangible benefits to the whole community as it is in use every moment of the day.

The new gym over the sports hall has been fully equipped with the latest equipment and we look forward to opening it before and after school in the coming academic year. This will offer an opportunity to age appropriate students to experience supervised gym classes and training sessions.

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We of course wait in anticipation for the Our Lady's Sports Dome. Work has already started at a pre commencement stage and we hope works to physically start on site over the summer. This will be another major investment in school facilities that will greatly benefit our students and also the whole community. A big thanks to you for your support of our sponsored walk in aid of funds for the dome which was held on our first ever House Spirit Day.

1st, 2nd , 4th and 5th year summer reports will be available online next week at, olschool.vsware.ie. You will be notified through the App when they are published and also when the return to school schedule, costs, book lists, recommended reading lists, draft calendar for 2022/2023 and uniform requirements become available. We will be introducing school trousers as a uniform option for all students. You are advised to view information on acceptable school shoes and piercings.

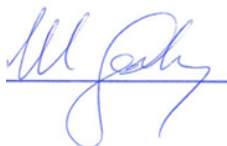
Additional costs for each student, which cover items such as school journals, lockers, etc. are payable on or before the return to school date. Please note that prompt payment of these costs assists the smooth running of the school. Payments can be made online, via the 'Easy Payments' tab on the school website.

The DES provides a grant to the school, to assist families who need help with the cost of school books. Families experiencing genuine difficulty may be eligible for assistance. Applications for a grant can be made by completing a 'Book Grant Form', which is available to download from the school website. Please send in forms, with receipts to the office when your daughter returns to school. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us. All queries will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

I really look forward to meeting you all again in late August /September as we continue to work together setting high expectations in the holistic development of the students of Our Lady's.

I wish all our students and their families a happy, safe and peaceful summer.

Yours sincerely



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