June 2020

**Incoming First Years 2020/2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of all the staff, Ms Dooley, Ms Ryan and myself, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to your daughter as she starts her secondary school journey here with us at Presentation Secondary School Wexford. Thank you for choosing Presentation Secondary School where your daughter will spend the next 5 to 6 years. We have a proud and long tradition of educating the young ladies of Wexford. As you are aware Presentation School Wexford is a voluntary Catholic Secondary School for girls operating under the Trusteeship of CEIST- Catholic Education an Irish Schools Trust. CEIST supports the Religious and Education Philosophy of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Order. Religious Education takes a central place in the life and curriculum of this school. We all look forward to working with you daughter over the coming years.

It is expected that detailed planning will take place over the summer at both national and individual school level in preparation for the re-opening of schools for the 2020/2021 academic year. It is too early to give any definite information as to what the arrangements will be to ensure the health and safety of every member of the school community. I shall keep you informed of developments in this area over the coming months.

**Please find enclosed:**

* Wriggle Online Information
* Optional Subject information for students
* Copy of 1st year book list for online purchasing with Wriggle, the iPad management company
* iPad Acceptable Usage Policy to be signed and returned on Wednesday 2nd September
* Information from Wexford Credit Union re loans for iPads
* Information re: Online School Payment Facility for school expenses (except iPads)
* Essentials of School Uniform – including PE Uniform
* Notification form for student health issue(s)

**Start of Year Arrangements:**

* **Wednesday 2nd September** - All 1st year students will attend from **8.50 am to 15.30pm**. They will meet the Principal, Deputy Principal’s, Year Head, Class Tutors and Meitheal Leaders. Throughout the morning they will be shown around the school, allocated to their classrooms and given their timetables. Students will need packed lunch for the day – lunch is from 12.30 – 1.30. Students will then have classes in the afternoon. Students attend in full uniform & bring in their iPads but no books – they will also need a notebook and pen.
* **Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September** – 1st Year Induction Bonding and iPad training for all 1st year students. Students wear their PE uniform on these days. Each student will need to bring a packed lunch including a bottle of water.
* **Monday 7th September** – school as normal as per timetable. Full school uniform.

Parents are asked to pay the following monies on the VSware on-line payment system before **Friday 14th August. Any monies not paid by then will be collected in school on Wednesday morning 2nd September.**

In the interest of clarity and efficiency, the VSWare on-line payment system is the preferred method of payment. All payments made on-line are visible to the parent at any time which provides a better record of payments made. Some fees paid by this method are at a reduced rate with no bank charges. See enclosed information sheet for instructions on how pay on-line.

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| **School Fees** | **Amount payable on-line** | **Amount payable in cash** |
| Parent Contribution  Tech Graphics  Art students | €100 per family  €50  €30.00 | €100 per family  €55  €35.00 |
| **Total: Art students** | **€130.00** | **€145.00** |
| **Total: Non Art students** | **€100.00** | **€110.00** |

* From Monday 7th September students will be expected to come prepared for all classes with iPads fully charged and all the necessary materials for classes.

**Points to note:**

* Students may only enter the school grounds through the Grogan’s Road entrance.
* Only Staff cars are allowed on the premises between school hours, the site is small. Therefore, we ask parents/guardians not to drop students in the car park using the School Street entrance.
* If a student needs to leave the school during school hours:

1) She must get permission from Tutor, Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal.

2) She must have a note of explanation in journal from parent/guardian (except when going home sick).

3) She must sign out at General Office and sign in on return.

4) She must be collected by a family member at the office, or, make suitable prior arrangement with school management.

* Students arriving to school late must sign the register at the General Office; they will receive a Late Stamp in their journal.
* Students must report to the Deputy Principal’s office if they arrive to school and are not in full uniform. Spare items of school uniform may be available for students should the need arise. Students not wearing the correct school uniform will not be allowed to attend class.

***School Website/Twitter***

To facilitate easier communication between school and home can you please follow us on:

[www.preswex.ie](http://www.preswex.ie)

<https://twitter.com/preswex>

***Student Personal Accident Insurance***

The cost of Personal Accident 24 hour Insurance Cover will be covered by the school for this academic year.

***Lunchtime***

Students remain on the school grounds during lunchtime.

***School Journal***

Students must use the official Presentation School Journal 2020/21 which will be provided in the school. All students MUST have their journal with them at all times.

***Lockers***

Students will be allocated lockers during induction.

***Personal Property***

Students must take responsibility for their own belongings, iPads, jackets etc., making sure that all items are well labelled. Please make a special effort to label all items of uniform, including jacket and PE uniform. It is not advisable to bring other valuables into school as the school will not be able to take responsibility for their safety.

***iPads***

Any parent/guardian who has a particular difficulty re the purchasing arrangements for iPads is asked to contact the Principal before Friday 12th June on 053 91 24133.

*Students/Parents/Guardians are asked, in so far as is possible, not to leave items at the General Office for collection by students – e.g. money, P.E. gear, Home Economics ingredients etc. Any items left at the General Office are left entirely at own risk & should be clearly labelled.*

I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer, and hope that your daughter will come to us both refreshed and invigorated. Your daughter will meet with Ms Dooley, Ms Ryan and I on Wednesday the 2nd September. We look forward to seeing her then.

Yours sincerely,



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William Ryan

Principal

**Wriggle Deployment**

We have replaced our traditional onsite deployment with an improved home delivery model where the student will receive their Wriggle bundle (device/case/books) to their home (or designated address) over the summer period ready for the new school year.

Our new Home Delivery Model presents a number of key benefits, including:

* ***School resources required in organising and facilitating onsite deployment sessions will no longer be required.***
* ***The novelty factor of having a device has worn off by the time the student starts school, meaning the focus goes on teaching and learning from Day 1.***
* ***Students and parents are not paying for a device bundle and waiting months to receive same. They also have the opportunity to get familiar and comfortable with the device themselves (there will be comprehensive helpful resources available) before school starts.***

Wriggle have invested in new systems and resources to ensure there are Quality Control checks at every stage of the process. Any potential issues, such as a forgotten password, or a missing book, can be addressed and resolved before students start in school.Below outlines our new model and highlights key milestones from now until the return to school for

**September 2020:**

We have replaced our traditional onsite deployment with an improved home delivery model where the student will receive their Wriggle bundle (device/case/books) to their home (or designated address) over the summer period.The student device will still be configured and personalised, as well as having a safe and secure management profile setup. Their eBooks will also be assigned and preinstalled on the device (where applicable).Each bundle will arrive with an easy to navigate ***‘Get Started Guide’*** that will include details of how the device is configured (This will be a combination of both physical and online video guides). All that will remain for the student to do is turn it on and insert a passcode (which will be addressed as one of the steps in the ‘Get Started Guide’).

Apart from a €6.00 delivery charge, the service costs to the parent will remain the same as 2018. With our new device roll out model, Wriggle now do more during the device configuration process than in previous years.Next month, we will provide you with a short animated video which illustrates the new Wriggle device roll out model.

**Important dates for your calendar:**

The online store will open on Friday 8th May and close on Sunday 14th June.