

EMAIL - 22/09/2022

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Further to previous communication in 2021/2022, Scoil Mhuire na nGrást has been selected as a Round 1 school for the *Safe Routes To School Programme* (<https://greenschoolsireland.org/saferoutestoschool/>), one of only ten schools selected within Cork County. Cork County Council, in conjunction with *An Taisce*, are currently investigating proposals to provide for the delivery of walking, scooting and cycling infrastructure on key access routes to the school, and designing proposals to provide a front of school treatment to enhance access to the school.

As part of this process, a trial temporary traffic management system is currently in place on Aghafantaun Bridge, as advised by school email last week. Regrettably, this morning, Thursday 22 September, there was a technical issue with the operation of the temporary traffic lights. Cork County Council has advised the school that this issue has now been resolved and they will ensure that a technical person will be in place at Aghafantaun Bridge during the peak periods of school traffic (i.e. from 08.30 – 09.30 & 13.30 to 15.15), for the remaining duration of the trial.

When proposals have been finalised, there will be a formal period of public consultation and it is expected that the formal process of public consultation will commence in Quarter 1 in 2023. In this respect, notice of the proposed development will be given in the public press, a Site Notice will be erected in the vicinity of the proposed area involving development and submissions will be invited. In the interim, you may wish to share any observations with your local County Council Public Representatives in the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District (<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/council/councillors>) who will also be able to further advise in relation to the consultation process. In addition, should you wish to contact Cork County Council, the following email address can be used to relay any observations trafficandtransport@CorkCoCo.ie

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