

2nd February, 2022

Lord Mayor of Cork's School Visits

Dear Principal,

I am writing to you regarding the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Colm Kelleher's Physical School Visits for the 2021/2022 Term. The traditional physical annual visit by the Lord Mayor has been enjoyed tremendously by previous Lord Mayors and generations of Cork students. The tradition, which this year is the 103rd year of annual school visits by the Lord Mayor of Cork, dates back to Terence MacSwiney's mayoralty in the 1920s. As you are aware the Lord Mayor virtually visited your school on "Lord Mayor's Day" on Friday October 22nd 2021 where the Lord Mayor broadcasted on our YouTube Channel.

Following the easing of a number of restrictions and the re-opening of society, consideration was given to the possibility of the Lord Mayor of Cork holding "physical" school visits in his current term of office, that continues until mid-June 2022. Factors that were considered in holding the physical visits included safety and welfare of staff and students, restrictions in place, time constraints in remaining academic year and schools work programmes.

Regrettably, I wish to inform you that having considered all of the above, a physical visit by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Colm Kelleher will not be taking place during his tenure. I will be in touch with you again in September, 2022 to organise the next Lord Mayor's visits to schools.

Kind regards,

NICOLA O'SULLIVAN
LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY