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Dear 1st Year Parents,

Thank you for attending our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents information evening on Monday 25 September. Glanmire Community College is committed to providing the best possible educational experience for your child. As part of our ongoing efforts to support your child's learning and development, we would like to inform you about the upcoming New Group Reading Test (NGRT) that will take place during the first two weeks of October.

## What is NGRT?

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a formative assessment designed to evaluate a student's level of reading. Formative assessments are used solely for the purpose of understanding your child's current reading abilities and do not contribute to any final grades or results. The NGRT allows us to gauge your child's reading proficiency in comparison to national averages and helps identify students who may benefit from additional support or challenges.

The NGRT is a short multiple-choice test that aligns with modern language and current teaching methods in schools. It is taken online using a digital platform. It is suitable for children as young as 5 and can monitor progress up to the age of 16. The test includes tasks such as sentence completion and reading comprehension, and it typically takes 30-40 minutes to complete.

## How is NGRT used?

Reading skills are crucial for accessing the curriculum effectively. The NGRT provides teachers with quick, accurate insights into students' reading levels, enabling tailored support and challenges to enhance reading skills and overall curriculum performance.

## Who should I contact if I have questions about the test?

If you have any questions about the NGRT, contact us at [glanmirecc@corketb.ie](mailto:glanmirecc@corketb.ie). Results may also be used for research to improve teaching practices, with all data anonymized in such cases. To withdraw consent, contact our main office.

We greatly appreciate your support in this endeavour, as it allows us to better serve your child's educational needs. We look forward to working together to nurture your child's reading skills and overall academic growth.

Sincerely,

Ronan McCarthy  
Principal