

# Lisnagarvey High School

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*School Values*  
*Mutual Respect*  
*Success for All*  
*Meeting the Needs of Individuals*  
*Caring and Responsible*

*Principal – Jim Sheerin*

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18 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach our school formal this Thursday, we reflect on this tradition that we eagerly anticipate every year. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together, celebrate and create lasting memories.

The formal has been planned for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Edenmore House. Doors will open at 6:15pm for those who have organised their own transportation. Students taking the bus transportation will be collected from the front of the school and taken to Edenmore House. The return journey will drop students at the school gates and they should be collected from there.

Timings of the evening are as follows:

- 5:45pm sharp - Bus to leave LHS
- 6:15pm - 6:55pm –Arrival at Edenmore and Photographs
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm - Dinner
- 8:30pm - 9:00pm - Formal Awards
- 9:00pm - 12midnight - Entertainment
- 12:05am - Bus to leave Edenmore to return to LHS

As a reminder, to facilitate maximum numbers, students may be seated across two function rooms for the meal. Rooms have been allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. After the meal is served, students can move between rooms.

As a reminder, only those who have been approved by the school, have paid their money and given their consent form to the school will be permitted to enter on the evening. Swapping of tickets is not permitted. Should anyone change their mind about attending, they should let me know as soon as possible, so that their ticket can be fairly re-allocated to another approved student who is on the waiting list.

Anyone who has not yet made me aware of dietary requirements, should do so as soon as possible.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all attendees, we want to remind you of some important guidelines. There will be security searches conducted at the entrance for all guests. Security staff are independent of the school; should they deem anyone unfit for attendance, they will not be permitted to enter, and it will be their responsibility to arrange transportation home. Additionally, if security finds any contraband items, they will be confiscated and disposed of.

The Public Health Agency, Education Authority Youth Service and the Police Service of Northern Ireland have recently highlighted concerns surrounding unregulated vape substances, which has resulted in numerous people across Northern Ireland becoming unwell and/or hospitalized following vaping. Therefore, vapes will not be permitted at the formal, as it is not possible to

determine the contents of vapes. Students who own vapes should leave them at home, as they will be confiscated by security staff if they are brought onto the premises.

During the formal, if any behaviour poses a risk, security staff will reserve the right to ask attendees to leave, and they will need to arrange their own transportation home.

We understand that these guidelines may seem strict, however, they are in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for all. We appreciate your co-operation and support in making this event a memorable and positive experience for everyone.

Please note, due to a parade in the Moira area on Thursday evening, there may be road closures or diversions in place. These are not due to take place until 8pm and should cease by 9pm, which should not interrupt your travel plans to the venue, however, you might wish to bear this in mind while making travel arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Black  
Head of Upper School