

DONEGAL EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE COVID'19 SCHOOL STORY COMPETITION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **FRIDAY 22/01/2021**

- Entries must not have been published previously
- Title / Theme is **Christmas with Covid'19**
- Each entry must be typed
- Maximum Number of words for each primary school entry is 400 words
- Maximum number of words for each post primary school entry is 800 words.
- Please paste the name of the entrant on the back of the script
 - Each entry must be accompanied by a completed application form
 - There are 2 categories for primary schools.
 - Junior (Infants – 2nd class) & Senior (3rd – 6th class)
 - There are 2 categories for post primary schools
 - Junior (1st – 3rd year) & Senior (4th – 6th year)

Three prizes will be awarded in each category as follows:

Junior Primary (Infants – 2nd Classes): 1st prize: €50; 2nd prize: €30 & 3rd prize: €20

Senior Primary (3rd – 6th Classes): 1st prize; €75; 2nd prize: €50 & 3rd prize: €25

Junior Post Primary (1st – 3rd Years): 1st prize: €100; 2nd prize: €75 & 3rd prize: €50

Senior Post Primary (4th – 6th Years): 1st prize: €150; 2nd prize: €100 & 3rd prize: €75

Each student who wins 1st prize in their category will win an I-Pad for their school.

This competition is designed to encourage children to consider the impact of Covid'19 on life in Ireland since March 2020. In particular, they are invited to share their thoughts on its impact on the celebration of Christmas 2020.

Co. Donegal Education Centre's Management Committee will appoint a panel of impartial adjudicators to judge the entries.

Winners will be announced in February 2021.

Winners may be invited to pre-record their entries for sharing at an online awards ceremony in February 2021.

Terms and Conditions for Co. Donegal Education Centre Story Competition:

- All entries must be the original work of the entrant.
- Entries must not have been published elsewhere (online, digital, or in print) before the 22nd of January 2021.
- All entries must be written in English.
- Entries must be typed. Handwritten entries will not be considered.
- Entries can be submitted by email or by post. **The deadline for receipt of both postal and e-mail entries is 5:00p.m. on Friday 22/01/2021.**
- Each entrant may submit 1 story and must abide by the maximum word guidelines.
- Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the shortlist or the winners. Entries will not be returned.

Once submitted, the entries become the property of Co. Donegal Education Centre and the Centre's Management Committee reserves the right to publish some or all of the entries in the future.

HOW TO ENTER

- Submit entries by email to admin@donegaledcentre.ie

Postal entries must be typed or printed on A4 pages and posted to Co. Donegal Education Support Centre, Floors 2 /3; Pier 1; Quay St.; Donegal Town.

- Please include a page number and total page count for each entry. Example: Page 1 of 3, Page 2 of 3, etc.
- Formatting, including spacing, is at the discretion of the author. Include title of entry and page number(s) on all pages.
- Each entry must include an application form. For email entries, the application form may be filled in and scanned along with the story. For postal entries, print an application form and include it with your entry.
- Include the title of your story and its page number(s) on all pages, but only print your name on the back of the entry. Personal information may only appear on the rear of the back page of the entry script and on the application form.