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## **IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR FERMOY TAEKWON-DO CLUB 17.08.2020**

Dear parents and students,

We are sorry for the delay in communication, we know many of you are wondering when is Taekwondo due to start and trying to get organised with your 'back to school' in this new normal.

Since the pandemic struck, we have had to make a lot of important changes and decisions in relation to the Taekwondo schools we run in Mitchelstown and Fermoy. Further to this, and understandably, the Gaelscoil d'híde has been unable to confirm a start date, if any, for outside clubs to hire their sports hall, as they may now be in need for extra class space.

Just before COVID-19 struck, Catarina and I signed a lease for a small full time unit in Mitchelstown with the idea that we would continue to run both clubs as before and have the flexibility of the extra space when needed. This worked when we could have 24+ students per class, and the classes ran back to back, but now with COVID-19, and the restrictions that are imposed on us, we have to limit our numbers to 12 students per class and add 20 minutes between each class for the sanitation of equipment and mats. This means we have had to increase the number of classes we are running in the Mitchelstown venue. We started back recently and find the restrictions challenging enough.

In view of all this, we have had no choice but to make arrangements to hand over the Fermoy club to another ITA instructor as we cannot manage our own family life and spread ourselves so thinly across two venues, with double the hours, under the COVID-19 restrictions imposed on us.

From September onwards, Fermoy Taekwondo ITA will be under new management and will operate out of a new venue, the newly refurbished CRIXUS gym on Dublin Road, Rath-Healy (above Iceland in Fermoy). The classes are due to operate on Mondays and Thursdays and as soon as we have more details we will contact you again.

If these days do not suit you, or you wish to continue training with us, we will be running our classes at unit 1A Mitchelstown Business Park also spread over Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, a short trip just off the Motorway, bypassing the town and plenty of parking. We are only running classes for children ages 6 and above at this venue. All you need to do is contact us with an updated email address for further information as we now do all our bookings online and have a strict COVID-19 protocol to train at this unit. We also hope to launch a programme for Little Ninjas (ages 4-7) online via zoom in September (please let us know if you are interested in this). In all cases we will offer the two classes you missed in March.

We wanted to let you know that we did not make this decision lightly and have worked hard to secure a new venue and qualified instructors to take over the club with the hope that it will continue to be a success.

Finally, we wanted to thank you for your support to date and would like to pass on a special thanks to Sean Fitzgerald, Principal of Gaelscoil d'híde, and all his excellent staff who have been exceptional supporters of our Taekwondo school. It has been a pleasure teaching your children and we wish them all the very best of luck for the future. If you would like a refund for the two March 2020 classes lost due to the lockdown, please email us on [frankmurphysmasterclass@gmail.com](mailto:frankmurphysmasterclass@gmail.com) with your account name, IBAN and BIC and we will issue a refund through bank transfer. For those of you who recently ordered hoodies and did not receive them, we will endeavour to get the cash back to you.

Thank-you again for your patience and understanding and we wish you all the very best of luck training in the new club.

Yours sincerely

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