

Notice to all participating groups

The committee would like to bring to your notice the following:

Gaps of more than ten feet are not allowed. All groups will have to ensure that there is little or no gap between them and the group in front. The leader of the group and the group's **two stewards must be identified with a yellow high-vis vest** so that stewards know who they are to contact in the event of an emergency.

Due to public opinion, there will be no stopping at the reviewing stand. We have a time frame to start and finish the parade. We must be finished no later than 12-30pm, so please co-operate with us on this to ensure that we finish on time.

As the Wexford parade is a family orientated day with hundreds of children both taking part and watching the parade, please do not carry offensive banners as this will eliminate you from the parade.

The groups will assemble from the Trinity Street area at 09.45am. Groups will be in their position no later than 10.15am so that the parade will start sharp at 10.45am. When you arrive please ask any of the stewards (wearing Hi Vis Jackets) for your placing in the parade. Please be aware that the roads in the area will close at 9-30am sharp and we would ask that people dropping off their children please park in the car park at the tourist office on the Quay and do not cause congestion. **Please move to the area allocated by the stewards** and do not move from there until you are instructed to do so by the Parade Steward.

The route of the parade will be as follows: William Street, Trinity Street, Paul Quay, Crescent Quay, Custom House Quay, Commercial Quay, Redmond Square where the groups will break up and go their own way. The reviewing stand will be located on the Quay Front adjacent to the bridge.

In the event of an emergency: The emergency services will sound their sirens. All groups must move swiftly to the left hand side of the road (this is the town side), to allow access for emergency vehicles to move freely on the quay side of the road and at the same time not block any of the side streets leading on to the quays such as King Street, Cinema Lane and Common Quay Street. Group leaders please note this and inform your group of the Emergency procedure prior to start of the parade.

Group leaders please be aware that with some groups a large amount of people are accompanying groups along the route of the parade with buggies, we are asking that only accredited personnel wearing a **HI-Vis Vest** accompany your group along the route of the parade so as to not clutter the route for other groups.

Please inform all parents not to stop in Redmond Square after the parade or to walk back along the parade route to collect children, as this will cause delays with the parade and it is also a source of danger to your group. Please proceed directly to your hall or club house. If you have transport arranged to collect you, it would be advisable to have it as far away from Redmond Square as possible (such as Hill Street or John Street) so that it does not interfere with the floats leaving the parade. It is essential that all these routes are clear of traffic; this is a directive from the Garda. I would ask that at all times and in the interest of public safety that you co-operate and assist the stewards. If you want the MC to say something about your group as they go by the reviewing stand please insert this on your application form keeping it confined to 30 words in **block capitals or print only**. **If you are bringing a vehicle into the parade for any reason then please fill in the float form for vehicles this must go in front of your group and not at the back.**

Thank you again for your co-operation on this matter.
Yours sincerely

John Fowler

Application Form for Groups
For the Wexford Town St. Patrick Day Parade

Name of Group _____

Address: _____

Contact name: _____ (Mobile Number:) _____

Number in Group: _____

Note to all participants Gaps of more than ten feet are not allowed between you and the group in front of you. Please ensure that the **two people allocated to act as stewards wearing Hi Vis Vests** for your group make themselves known to the head stewards in their area prior to the start of the parade.

If your group is for profit and you are making money from it, then you are expected to make a donation to the parade.

All completed forms to be returned to the Secretary at 99 Mount Prospect, Clonard, Wexford **on or before the 12th March.**

Indemnity Clause:

If your group/organisation wishes to display activities or displays during the parade, you are welcome to do so, however, please note that these activities must be covered by the insurance held by your own club or organisation and subject to the usual risk assessments for these activities. This would include, but not be limited to: gymnastic or acrobatic displays, martial arts displays, dance activities, other sporting demonstrations. Thank you.

Signed _____ Date: _____

Please insert here any information you would like the MC to say about your group on the day to a maximum of thirty words: