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Dear Parents,

The Department has now issued guidance on schools re-opening arrangements, the start of the new school year will begin on Monday 24th August 2020 for Primary 7 children. The current DE guidance of pupils returning to a classroom is at a distance of 1 metre apart and staff at a distance of 2 metres.

Taking these regulations into consideration, our year groupings and accommodation facilities, we as a staff and in consultation with our Board of Governors are working on the premise of having all children phased back into school from the same week beginning Monday 24th August.

This will be an induction week which will help our pupils settle back into the new school day and adapted environment. We will focus on some Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Well Being activities with the children to ensure they make a smooth transition back to school.

Our proposed plan for our Induction Week on Monday 24th- Friday 28th August is as follows:

Monday 24th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26th	Thursday 27th	Friday 28th
P7, P5, P2	P7, P5, P2	P7, P6, P4, P1	P7, P6, P4, P3, P1	P7, P6, P5, P4, P3, P2, P1

For this initial week, with the exception of Primary 7 pupils who will be in school for the full day 8.35am – 2.35 pm, all other year groups will be in school for morning sessions only 8.35am – 12 noon with children returning home for lunch. Pupils are requested to wear their school PE Uniform for this Induction Week.

Our Induction Week will enable staff to evaluate and review new school routines and safety practices. We hope that a normal school day will be available for all year groupings including Reception from Tuesday 1st September from 8.35am – 2.35 pm. Pupils are requested to wear their full school Uniform as normal. School will be closed on Monday 31st August as it is a Bank Holiday. There will be no Rec-P2 Afterschool until further notice.

Please be aware that these re-opening arrangements are subject to change in light of evolving DE Guidance.

The following are the class groupings for the new school year 2020/ 2021:

Rec/ P1/ P2 - Mrs Duffy
P3/ P4/ P5 - Mrs Kelly
P6/ P7 – Mrs Mc Court

Fr. Murphy has asked me to inform you that the dates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be discussed at a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council which will be this week. These dates will then be forwarded on to you in due course.

We hope to have the Primary 7 Leavers' Celebration on Thursday 20th August 2020 from 9am – 3pm. Children may wear their own clothes and bring their school PE t shirts in to get signed. We are planning a variety of fun activities with food and refreshments provided.

We trust that you will have a lovely Summer and enjoy many moments together with your families. We deeply appreciate your continued support and we truly have missed all our pupils during these last few months and will be looking forward to meeting up with them and yourselves in August in a safe and ready environment.

We hope to see you all again in the new school year.

Take care everyone, Stay Safe and God Bless.

Yours Faithfully,
Sinead Mc Court