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Dear Parents,

Term 2 Return

On behalf of the school staff, I would like to wish you all a happy new year as we look forward to what is sure to be another busy term. Thankfully, schools will be open as normal and we look forward to welcoming all children back tomorrow as planned. We will continue to implement our Covid-19 mitigations within the school to help stop the spread of the virus and the chances of a possible outbreak. We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times, however, in the event of staffing levels dropping below a safe number, we may require certain class groupings to go into short periods of remote learning. Whilst this is unlikely, it is important for parents to be aware of / prepared for this possible scenario.

New guidance from the Department of Health states that fully-vaccinated close contacts of a positive case will no longer be required to take a PCR test. They are instead advised to take a lateral flow test as soon as possible and continue to take tests daily until the tenth day after the last date of contact with the positive case. A positive lateral flow test is now enough to put you into the 7-day isolation period without the need for a PCR test. However, if you or your child is symptomatic of Covid-19, you must isolate and book a PCR test as normal (if symptomatic, a negative lateral flow test must still be backed-up with a PCR test whilst a positive lateral flow test puts you into the isolation period without the need for a PCR test). The isolation period has now been reduced from 10 days to 7, providing the individual has negative lateral flow test results on both days 6 and 7 with tests taken 24 hours apart.

Primary 1 Admissions – September 2022

The online portal for primary school admissions will be open from 10th – 28th January. Guidance is available on our school website. If you need any help with the process, please contact the school at any time.

Year 8 Post-Primary Transfer

The year 8 post-primary application process for Primary 7 children will take place online again this year. The portal will be open from 1st – 23rd February 2022. I will be available to support you with this process should you need it (more details to follow).

School Photographs

Ordered photographs will be handed out tomorrow.

French / Music Lessons

French Lessons will begin next week for all P1-3 children at a cost of €6.00 per child. Music tuition will also begin next week for the P4-7 classes at a cost of €5.00 per child for the term. Payments can be made in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

Visitors

Under current guidance, visitors/parents will not be permitted in the school buildings without an appointment. If you would like to speak to your teacher about your child's progress, we can arrange a meeting over the phone or a socially distanced face-to-face meeting if needed. For any smaller queries or questions, please email your teacher and they will respond to you as soon as possible (teacher email addresses available on the school website).

PLP Meetings

Teachers will be in touch with parents of all children on PLP's (Personal Learning Plans) to discuss new targets before the end of the month.

Mathletics / Accelerated Reading

A new Mathletics booster will begin on Monday and teachers will select a Mathlete of the Week in each class over the next 6-weeks. P4-7 children will receive their Accelerated Reading targets next week and we ask for your support in encouraging your child to read at home to help them hit their given targets.

School Website

The calendar on the school website will be updated next week. Most PE days etc will remain the same. Please visit the website to keep up-to-date with school news and to access important school policies and information.

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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