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Monday, 7th September, 2020.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- I am delighted to inform you that **AB Coaching (Stephen Beattie)** will be providing coaching for all pupils from this **Friday, 11th September**. Each class will have an hour long session throughout the day. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, we are unable to fund this coaching, therefore, we respectfully request that **£13** per child is forwarded to the school office by the end of October to pay for the first term.

Stephen will also be providing afterschools coaching on a Friday afternoon. He will be sending out a flyer with details this week.

Please be assured that the coach will be adhering to all our Covid-19 procedures and will be cleaning all equipment between sessions. For the month of September, PE will be taking place outside so please ensure that your child brings a coat with him/her to school every Friday.

Pupils in **Years 1 – 6** are asked to wear their **PE uniform** every **Friday**. Pupils in **Year 7** are asked to wear their **PE uniform** on a **Monday** and a **Friday**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Skill School NI Coaching in our school has been postponed due to Covid-19. Any monies owed from last term will either be carried forward in the future or refunded.

- Please complete and return the **Data Collection Form** sent home last week, if you haven't already done so. Thank you to those parents who have returned the form. Please note that a separate form needs to be completed for each child.
- In an effort to save money, we have decided to try to reduce the amount of money spent on paper, ink and photocopying. Consequently, the **Monday Note** will be available on our website by **5pm** every Monday. Parents will be texted if any additional notes or information is posted on our website throughout the week. If you have requested a paper copy of the Monday Note/additional information then

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this will be sent home with your child on a **Tuesday**.

- Due to normal financial constraints combined with extra Covid – 19 expenses, the Board Of Governors respectfully ask for a voluntary contribution of at least **£20** per family. This contribution will replace the Raffle that we normally have in the first term. Could we please request that all payments are made by **12th September**. Thank you in advance.
- Our **School Dinner Menu** is available to view on our school website under Parents – Info - School Dinners. Dinners remain at **£2.60** per pupil per day. Milk is **£10** per pupil for Term 1. If anyone would like to donate their monies from last term to school funds, please contact the school office by **Friday, 4th September**. Otherwise monies will be carried forward.
- Teachers have now posted their **Newsletters/Learning Support Sheets** on their class pages of our school website. Please take a few minutes to read about all the wonderful learning that will be taking place in September.
- Our **Homework Policy** is now available to view on our website under Parents – Policies.
- Our **Numeracy Co-ordinator**, Mrs. Mulligan, would like to inform you that all children will be issued their **Mathletics** username and password this week and that teachers will be introducing the program to their classes.
- If anyone wishes to donate **Feis Art** monies from last term towards school funds, please inform **Mrs. Taggart**, via your child's **Home School Messages Book** by **Friday, 11th September**. Otherwise, monies will be carried forward. Thank you.
- Due to Covid – 19 restrictions, **Fr. McGahan** has arranged two **Beginning Of Year Masses**:
A Mass for pupils in **Years 5 - 7** will take place on **Thursday, 17th September @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
A Mass for pupils in **Years 1-4** will take place on **Thursday, 24th September @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick' Church, Eskra**.
Everyone is welcome.
- We have an **Achievement Display** in our school foyer to celebrate achievements for the whole school community. If you, your child or any member of your family achieves something worth celebrating, e.g. work, exam or sporting success, please inform the school and we will include it on our display.
- **September** is **Roald Dahl** month and **Sunday, 13th September** is **Roald Dahl Day**. Pupils will be learning about Roald Dahl and his books during this month. Perhaps you could read a Roald Dahl book with your child or watch a film based

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on one of his novels. There is also a website dedicated to his life and works-
www.roalddahl.com

- Application Forms for the positions of **Head Boy** and **Head Girl** are due in by **12noon** on **Thursday, 10th September**. The positions are open to **Year Seven** pupils only this year. Application Forms have been sent home today. Interviews will take place on **Friday, 25th September**.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

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(Principal)