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Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to all for the new school year. We hope all pupils & staff will have an enjoyable, positive and healthy year ☺

Welcome: a big Rineen welcome to our Junior Infants this year; Daragh Carey, Frankie Hamilton, JP Darcy & Theo Hayes. We also extend a warm welcome to Katie, Aoibhín & Isla Murphy and Wren, Ayla & Sheagh McGivney who have joined us up through the school. We hope you all have many happy years in Rineen and make friendships and memories to last a lifetime. Imagine we now have 7 sets of twins out of 40 pupils. We'll surely make the Clare Champion! We were sorry to see Fiadh Stefford & Angela Sumita leave us, but we wish them the very best as they start in their new schools this week too.

Swimming: We will be starting our 8 week block of swimming lessons on Thursday, September 5th. Our time slot is 1:15pm - 1:55pm, with the pool requesting the children be onsite 15 minutes before the lesson begins, so children can be picked up from 12:45/12:50pm. Please make arrangements with other parents if you are unable to bring your own child but we ask parents of Juniors & Senior Infants attend to help with changing etc. The cost is €44 per child (due in full for September 3rd). Hats required and goggles if needed. I'm attaching the letter I received from the pool.

Junior Infants: will be going home at 12pm until Friday September 6th. They can stay at school until 12:45pm on September 5th if you're collecting siblings for swimming, maybe send some lunch with them to see them through swimming.

School Attendance: While our school attendance is generally very good in Rineen N.S., I do have to inform TUSLA (The Child Protection Service) of any child who misses over 20 days in the school year. This is a legal requirement & schools are mandated to do this. Parents must provide a note to explain any absences, even if the teacher is informed orally, as TUSLA request a breakdown of the reasons for pupil's absences. When we record the roll on our online system we need to give a reason for absence (e.g. illness, family reason, unexplained etc.). While it is very important that you do not send your child to school if they are sick, we want to emphasise the importance of attendance wherever possible. Remember, 20 school days absent is the equivalent of missing a whole month of school. We

are asking you to please email your note to Selena at office@rineenschool.com so we can keep an electronic note and cut down on some of the paper coming in & having to be stored in the school.

School website: our school website is www.rineenschool.com. It is mobile friendly and we will be keeping the calendar updated with all our important dates & events etc. Newsletters will also be available on the website along with policies & photos etc. Our 'Policies under Review' section is where we will have policies we are currently updating and working on.

Pupil Personal Insurance: The BOM have kindly paid for the 24-hour cover - including school, social, domestic & leisure activities - for all pupils again this year.

School Fees: Art & Craft & Photocopying fees are due. The cost is €45 per pupil, €70 for 2 pupils & capped at €100 per family.

Contact details: If your email address or mobile number has changed in the last few months please let Selena know at office@rineenschool.com & we can update your details so you don't miss a text or email.

Consent Forms: Our consent form for school trips, photographs, media consent etc. are going home for Senior Infants - 6th class tomorrow. Please sign & return.

Kind regards,
Nicola 😊