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Dear Parent(s),

I want to welcome you back to school as we start this new school year. I hope that you all had a lovely summer break.

Mrs Young

Mrs Young has secured a new post as a Co-Principal in Edwards Primary School, Castleberg. I wish Mrs Young every blessing as she starts this new post and journey. I also wish to sincerely thank Mrs Young for her hard work and dedication over the nearly 4 years she was our school Principal. Mrs Young will be missed by the entire school community. We will be holding an official farewell to Mrs Young at our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 16th October at 10am in the school hall. Everyone will be welcome to attend, and you will have the opportunity to say a personal farewell to Mrs Young. If any family would like to contribute money towards a leaving gift for Mrs Young please send your donation in a clearly labelled envelope into school.

New Arrangements

Mrs Young commenced her new post on Monday 1st September. The Governors have organised with the EA for me to be the Acting Principal in the Interim. I started as Acting Principal on Monday as well. Mrs Pattison has returned to our staff to cover my Principal Release Day (Office) every Thursday. I wish to apologise for the collection towards a farewell gift that was organised for Mrs Pattison last term. Mrs Pattison is happy that if she ever leaves our staff again no new gift will be arranged! Mrs Young finding a new post close to home was an unforeseen circumstance for the

school and at that stage we did not know that Mrs Pattison would be returning so soon. We want to welcome her back into the fold.

Office Info

School dinners cost remains £2.60. We order the dinners daily from Garrison school kitchens and we ring in the numbers @ 9.15am. You can order dinner everyday, or you can order dinner some days either. I have attached the menu to this letter. All money should be paid in by Friday each week. School milk cost remains 20p per day. Due to a Government Initiative children in Reception Class receive their milk free daily. If your child wishes to stop taking school milk please inform Mrs Ovens in the school office by telephone or email. Milk cannot be cancelled with immediate effect and Mrs Ovens will let you know when the cancellation has been activated. We collect School Funds each month @ £5 per family. This money goes towards school outings and educational resources. Please send in your £5 school funds during the first week of each new month.

Playground/Car Park

Due to the Playground also being our carpark it is dangerous. Everyone needs to be vigilant in keeping the children safe. If you need to drive in during the school day and the children are in the playground you must stop at the gate and give staff the opportunity to gather the children under the school canopy. A staff member will also open the gates for you before you can drive in. At child collections times all parents or carers must park beside staff cars if possible. If necessary, cars can park along the bottom of the playground. No cars are allowed to drive up to the school doors as this is the dedicated area for EA buses. Due to the danger, please make sure if you bring younger children with you at collection times that they are always under the school canopy. An accident can happen in a flash. All parents and carers collecting children should wait under the canopy as well. School Staff will release your child or children back into your care. Once the handover has occurred the parent or carer is responsible for keeping the children safe. Parents or carers are welcome to bring children into the school building each morning if their child is in our younger Reception-P3 classroom. You can take them to the cloakroom and meet the teacher at the classroom door. Parents or carers of children in P4-P7 classroom should not be entering the school building, unless they need to give Mr Beattie a message. We promote independence and confidence in our older pupils.

Opening Hours

Before 8.45am the school building is only open to staff members and children coming to school on the EA Bus. The school building opens to families @ 8.45am. The children go to their classroom and the class teacher is responsible for supervision from 8.45am-9am daily. Our school commences at 9am. Class Teachers are contracted to 3.45pm daily. I would request that you book an appointment to see the teacher if you need to meet with them. We do not allow walk in appointments with teachers, after school.

Communication

Our new app is our main way of communicating with parents and we endeavour to keep you all informed about what is happening. I also will produce newsletters to communicate with families as well. We are now reducing our use of Seesaw. We only use the free version of Seesaw and it will be mainly used to share photographs with you. You can write the teacher a note through the seesaw app but as we are not using it as consistently it may not be picked up quickly. I would

discourage this method of communication going forward. The best ways to communicate with school is to phone into the school office, 028 68658211. To email us:

Miss McMorris: emcmorris697@c2kni.net

Mr Beattie: kbeattie820@c2kni.net

Mrs Ovens: eovens683@c2kni.net

Staff will endeavour to get back to you in a reasonable timeframe.

Concerns

If you have a concern or information you need to share, I would ask you to speak to the class teacher promptly. This gives the teacher the opportunity to reach a solution that works for both parties or understand your child's needs. If any parent feels they have worked with a class teacher but a resolution has not been found they can then ask for an appointment with me, the Acting Principal. Our complaints policy is on our website.

Uniform

I wish to thank you all for the improvement I see in the children wearing school uniform daily. School uniform is compulsory unless celebrating a non-uniform day. Our uniform is available to buy from School Days in Enniskillen. Our uniform consists of:

- navy jumper/ cardigan with school logo attached;
- light blue t-shirt;
- navy trousers/navy pinafore/navy skirt (navy leggings are **not** school uniform);
- Summer dresses in the Summer term/September;
- Summer Term/September boys and girls can wear navy knee length shorts (proper school uniform shorts, football shorts are **not** school uniform)
- White ankle/knee socks (girls)/ navy tights only;
- **Black** school shoes or black trainers (white soles ok);
- Coat;
- A pair of wellies (kept in school)
- Reception-P3 classroom a changing bag should be supplied as we no longer have the children's PE kit in school. (Any clothes permissible as only needed on the odd occasion). This is for toileting accidents and if children get wet during play. Please send in underwear.
- Our PE Kit is a white polo-shirt or t-shirt and navy shorts (football shorts allowed), navy leggings or navy jogging bottoms.
- ALL uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework

P1-P3 class: I send a homework folder home on a Friday which is due back the following Friday morning. Children will receive worksheets, reading, tables and key words. Homework should take no longer than half an hour including reading.

P4-P7 class: Homework goes home daily every Monday – Thursday and is due back each morning. Homework should take no longer than 45 minutes.

If homework is taking your family longer than this, please do come and talk to the class teacher.

Provisional Dates

Monday 29th September: School closed to pupils (Staff Development)

Wednesday 1st October: Flu Vaccine in school

Reception-P3 Parent Teacher Meetings w/s: Monday 13th October (They will run after-school each day)

P4 – P7 Parent Teacher Meetings w/s: Monday 20th October

(Meetings are running on different weeks as telephone consultations will be offered and we only have one phone line in school)

Harvest Assembly: Thursday 16th October @ 10am

Wednesday 22nd October: School Photographer

Friday 24th October: Halloween Fun and Dress Up Day

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October: Autumn Term half-term break

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 18th December: Christmas fun day and non-uniform day

Friday 19th December: School closes at noon for the Christmas Holidays (non-uniform)

Monday 5th January: School re-opens after the Christmas Holidays

Kind Regards,

Ms E. McMorris

Acting Principal