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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that everyone is keeping well and that you are all enjoying the last days of summer. On behalf of the whole staff, I would like to say how much we are looking forward to welcoming your child to the senior school. We know both you and your child may be feeling anxious about this change, most especially as we did not have the chance to meet with you at the end of the last school year and to help your child prepare for the transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

We have put a lot of thought into supporting your child in the coming weeks as they settle in to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. We have many supports in place to ensure your child's wellbeing and to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have any concerns over the coming weeks, your child's teacher and I will be on hand to support you in every way. Our Home School Community Liaison teacher Mrs. Miriam O'Keeffe will contact all 2<sup>nd</sup> Class parents for an informal phone chat over the next couple of weeks also.

We are aware that Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August is a very special day for you and your child. Therefore, we have put some arrangements in place to make this day as special as possible. To achieve this we have firstly created an opportunity for you and your child to take a special photo to mark their first day in senior school. We have a special banner welcoming your child to Second Class and each child will have the opportunity to have their photo taken there, as they go in to school on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> August.

In order to make your child's arrival to school on this first morning as calm as possible, we have staggered the arrivals as follows:

9.00am Mrs Cline's class – pupils with surnames beginning A – H

9.10am Mrs Cline's class – pupils with surnames beginning I – Z

9.20am Ms. Walsh's class – pupils with surnames beginning A – H

9.30am Ms. Walsh's class – pupils with surnames beginning I – Z

Please arrive at your appointed time to avoid overcrowding. You will be able to take a photo of your child and then your child will go in to their classroom. You will not be able to accompany your child on to the walkway or in to the school building. Please discuss this with your child in advance so that your child is aware how things will be on that first morning. Your child will go home at 2.30pm as normal. From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August onwards, your child will attend at normal school hours 8.50am – 2.30pm.

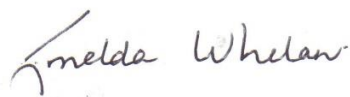
I have included below some information that will be of use to you in the coming weeks:

In line with Government directives, parents will not be allowed to enter the school premises without a prior appointment. However, you can phone the school and talk to us at any stage. From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, we will be asking you to leave your child at the green gate between the staff carpark and the yard of our temporary accommodation each morning. Parents are not permitted to drive in to the staff car park.

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case that they will leave in school each day. School lunch will be available and your child should bring in their own water bottle each day. There will be no homework for the initial weeks as your child settles in to school. We will also ask you to remove your child's uniform as soon as they get home each day. It will not be necessary to wash it daily. We would be very grateful if all parents/guardians could please pay the €80 fee for our Book Rental Scheme using the link sent to you last Friday, if you have not already done so.

We are delighted to be welcoming you in to our wonderful school community and we look forward to working with you closely in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Imelda Whelan".

Imelda Whelan (Principal)