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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to enclose your child's report for the 2019/20 academic year. This Annual Pupil Report reflects the progress your child has made in class from 2nd September 2019 to 13th March 2020 due to school closures because of the Covid19 pandemic.

In regard to Primary 4 and Primary 7 End of Key Stage Assessment the Department of Education have recommended that these levels have been temporarily set aside and therefore will not be included on the Annual Pupil Report.

Home schooling became the norm and we hope the Learning Packs provided by our school were beneficial resources for your child. As parents you had to extend your role as primary educators of your child and will be well aware of their achievements made during this time. You will also have identified areas of learning where they may require further development.

The Department has now issued guidance on schools re-opening arrangements, the start of the new school year will begin on Monday 24th August 2020 for Primary 7 children. The current DE guidance of pupils returning to a classroom is at a distance of 1 metre apart and staff at a distance of 2 metres.

Taking these regulations into consideration, our year groupings and accommodation facilities, we as a staff and in consultation with our Board of Governors are working on the premise of having all children phased back into school from the same week beginning Monday 24th August.

This will be an induction week which will focus on helping our pupils settle back into the new school day and adapted environment. The Primary 7 pupils will begin on Monday 24th August and we hope to accommodate all other year groups from Primary 1 to Primary 6 in a staggered approach. For this initial week, with the exception of Primary 7 pupils (who will be in school for the full day), these year groups will be in school for morning sessions only with children returning home for lunch. This will enable staff to evaluate and review new school routines and safety practices. We hope that a normal school day will be available for all year groupings including Reception from Tuesday 1st September.

I hope this information gives you some insight into our return in August and I am sure that there are still many questions. However, we will strive to keep you fully informed of any further developments and further information will follow at the beginning of August.

Please be aware that these re-opening arrangements are subject to change in light of evolving DE Guidance.

The following are the class groupings for the new school year 2020/ 2021:

Rec/ P1/ P2 - Mrs Duffy

P3/ P4/ P5 - Mrs Kelly

P6/ P7 – Mrs Mc Court

Fr. Murphy has asked me to inform you that the dates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be discussed at a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council which will be held next week. These dates will then be forwarded on to you in due course.

We hope to have the Primary 7 Leavers' Celebration on Thursday 20th August 2020 when the children will be invited into school for a variety of fun activities, sign t-shirts, with food and refreshments provided. I will be in contact with parents regarding the times of this celebration at a later date.

We trust that you will have a lovely Summer and enjoy many moments together with your families. We deeply appreciate your continued support and we truly have missed all our pupils during these last few months and will be looking forward to meeting up with them and yourselves in August in a safe and ready environment.

We hope to see you all again in the new school year.

Take care everyone, Stay Safe and God Bless.

Yours Faithfully,

Sinead Mc Court