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*A Community of Justice, Hope and Love*

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Settling in:** I thought that, at the end of the first week of the new school year, I would let you know how well your children have settled back into school. All the classes are calm and busy and the pupils are ready to learn and play together.

Our P1 children are becoming familiar with our school and playground environment so well done to them and you for preparing them so well! Our P7s have been supporting them and have shown a really caring attitude towards their buddies.

**Uniform:** I am hugely impressed with the standard of school uniform across all classes and I think the new PE uniform of the school hoodie, plain leggings or joggers and a white t-shirt will be a useful addition to our uniform. Please remember no football colours in school.

**Vision, Values and Aims:** This session, we will continue to focus on our school's vision, values and aims and continue to learn about our three school rules:

**Vision:** To be a Community of Justice, Hope and Love based upon the right to respect, the right to be safe and the right to learn.

**Values:** Respect Tolerance Ambition Inclusion

**Aims:**

- to provide a stable, nurturing and supportive atmosphere, based upon Gospel values, which promotes a positive attitude to learning and strong home-school-community-parish links.
- to provide a broad range of appropriate experiences, including a well-balanced, stimulating curriculum, which meet the educational, spiritual, social and emotional needs of every pupil
- to develop skills for learning, life and work in all pupils and staff
- to prepare pupils socially and emotionally for later life by developing their self-esteem and confidence and encouraging them to take responsibility for their choices.
- to work effectively with all our partners and stakeholders to support young people to attain and achieve to their full potential and to be responsible citizens who contribute effectively to society

**Parent Council:** We will hold the first meeting of our parent council on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm; these meetings will continue to be on Teams at the moment. Please contact the office, speak to Mrs Flynn or the parent council chair, Mr George Ferguson if you are interested in becoming a member of the council and supporting our school community.

**Plans for the session:** I will share our school improvement plan at a later date, this will also be made available on the school website.

**Communication:** please keep us updated on any issues that you feel we should know about such as medical appointments by contacting the school office in the usual manner. SEESAW is available so that you can share in your child' learning and achievements and we will also use this for school and class announcements more this session.

**Drinks in class:** All staff will continue to encourage pupils to keep hydrated in class and we would prefer plain water rather than other drinks.

Once again, a massive thank you for sending us your children who are so well prepared for school. As always, please contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

*Annamarie Flynn*  
Head Teacher.