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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all and a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants and parents. I am delighted to inform you that Ms. Michelle Thompson and Ms. Ciara Gibson have been appointed as permanent staff members. Ms. Gina Reidy will also be working in our school as Home School Liaison Officer.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND BOOKS

All children look very smart in their school uniform. Thank you parents for your great work in preparing them for the new school year. The girls are reminded in school to try and keep their uniform clean and to respect their school books and belongings. Please remind your daughter of the same at home. The school uniform consists of white blouse, red tie, navy skirt/gympslip or formal navy trousers and red jumper/cardigan **and must be worn at all times. On P.E. days children wear a navy tracksuit bottoms with red, white or navy top. Runners must be worn during P.E. Class to enable children to fully participate.**

LITERACY & NUMERACY

Our Board of Management has invested in graded readers for our school. Your daughter will be bringing home her reader/s in the coming weeks. I ask for your full co-operation in ensuring that these books are kept in excellent condition. We have also changed our Maths Scheme in the Senior end of the school.

SCHOOL RULES

We ask your co-operation in ensuring your child understands and complies with the rules of the school. We remind everyone that school starts at **9.20 a.m. and finishes at 3.00 p.m. Your daughter is supervised between these times. The BOM does not accept responsibility for children on school premises either before or after the official opening and closing times.**

SCHOOL MAINTAINANCE

Our school caretaker has been hard at work over the summer maintaining and improving the school grounds. I wish to thank him (Piotr Glanert) most sincerely for all his hard work. We plan

to refresh and add to the playground markings in the coming months.

ABSENTEEISM

Parents please inform the class teacher in writing if your daughter is absent from school. If any child is absent for more than 20 days within the school year, the school is obliged to notify the Education Welfare Office in Dublin. This is in keeping with the directives outlined under the Child Welfare Act.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. In the morning and on collecting your daughter from school please do not obstruct the flow of traffic at the front of the school. Be mindful of children who are entering/exiting the school grounds. Bus and car drivers are asked to drive around the grey railings to collect children who have been told to **wait inside the grey railings**. Most children should now be able to come into school alone. If infants need to be brought in please do so quickly as possible, and parents do not double park at the front of the school. Children are **not allowed** to go to Patrick Street to be collected. They must remain in the school grounds. The girls have been very good at adhering to these rules. I would ask parents full co-operation in ensuring the safety for children.

2. **School meals programme:** Glanmore Foods have been chosen as the supplier of our complimentary school lunches and snacks. The children are very much relishing the wide variety of foods available on the menu.

3. **REMINDER: Please make sure your daughter's hair is tied back during the school day. Also parents please routinely check your daughter's hair.**

4. **Wearing jewellery is not allowed in school (hoop earring, bracelets etc.) due to Health and Safety concerns on the playground, during P.E. etc., as well as the upset that can be caused when such items are misplaced.**

GREEN SCHOOLS

The great work being done as part of the Green Schools Programme continues. We encourage everyone to carefully dispose of litter and to try to lessen the amount of litter we produce. The Green School Committee will keep you updated during the school year.

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Your class teacher and Special Education teacher (Ms. Brereton) will be in contact with you shortly to discuss the I.E.P. (Individual Educational Plan) for your daughter if she is attending Learning Support.

FINANCIAL

Book Rental, Art/Craft money is now overdue. Please bring it into your class teacher by Friday 8th September. Thank you to those who have made payment. Mrs. Sheppard has worked very hard with our Book Rental Scheme so that the cost of books is greatly reduced..

HOME/SCHOOL LINKS – HOMEWORK

Your daughter is encouraged to complete all her homework at night. Homework is a consolidation of work being taught in school and an extension of same. Reading with your daughter at night is very important as is helping her with her learning. Please sign your daughter's homework journal and contact your class teacher if you have any queries. Also, can you please ensure we have your correct contact details. If your mobile number has changed please send us in your new number.

PARENTS COUNCIL

A huge thank you to some members of our Parents' Council for all their work in covering and stamping our new English Readers. If you would like to help out this school year e.g. fundraise and or give some of your time to further the work of the Parents' Council it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me here in school or any of the committee members.(See attached).

Finally, should you wish to meet with your Class Teacher or myself at any time make a prior appointment as you may then be assured of our full attention. It is inadvisable to disturb class teaching time.

We look forward to meeting you during the year. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Míle Buíochas,

M. Rohan
Principal.