

Hello to all our incoming first year students, parents and guardians.

My name is Ms. McCabe. I am principal of Old Bawn Community School.

This year has been very different than any other school year in living memory. When I was in school there was a very bad fall of snow one January and some schools had to close for almost two weeks! But nothing compares to this year in our school and in the whole country and around the world.

Little did any of us know when we closed our doors on the 12th of March that the schools would not open again for the rest of the academic year. It meant that our 6th years didn't get to come back and finish school in the building with us. It also meant that you yourselves didn't get to finish 6th class in your classrooms with your teachers.

However, we are very good at adapting and changing in Old Bawn Community School. Our team pulled out all the stops to provide quality education for our students throughout the closure and you probably saw the wonderful online graduation and the gift packages that we put together to make sure that our Leaving Certs got the celebration they deserved.

It will be the same for you when you arrive here in the autumn. We will be here, ready to welcome you and give you a fantastic start to your secondary school life.

So, in the meantime, keep an eye on our website, Facebook and twitter for all information and updates regarding the school start and everything that you will need. If you've any questions you can also call the school office.

- The date for your first day in Old Bawn Community School is **Thursday 27th August**
- For information about the Laptop device that you will need, contact Wriggle Education: **info@wrigglelearning.ie or phone: 01 500 9060**
- You can buy the school uniform, jacket and PE gear in the school on Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th August from 10am to 12pm and 26th August from 12pm to 1pm. Order online: **www.schooluniformsdirect.ie Contact: info@schooluniformsdirect.ie or phone 059 6481241 086 8983937**
- Don't forget to check out **our virtual tour video with Ms. O'Kennedy your Year Head**. It would be a great idea to watch it a few times so you're really familiar with the layout of the school.

We can't wait to see you when you arrive in August. Until then, have a happy and a safe summer.

Ursula McCabe

Principal Old Bawn Community School

