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Pobalscoil Lios Na Coille Old Bawn Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move through our third week back in school, many of the issues that emerged in the first few days have been resolved. I would like to thank all the parents who have logged in to the Year Head meetings and asked questions and gave us feedback. This Thursday, the 5th year meeting will take place followed by the 2nd year next week and the 1st year the week after. The log in details will be texted to all parents. The Learning Spaces are working really well. The most important thing daily is that all our staff and students are kept safe and well, but the learning and teaching is also something that we must get right, and I believe the work of staff has paid off and students are thriving.

Unfortunately, at very short notice the ladies who sell the lunches in the school have stopped providing this service. I know that this is an inconvenience for parents and students, and I am researching an alternative. There just wasn't enough interest in the lunches to make it viable. The vending machines are available with healthy snacks and this has been changed to accept cards so any student who has access to Revolut etc. can use that to purchase snacks.

To improve communication in the school, we have purchased a more advanced app. This app will be launched this week and it will enable very specific communication with parents in year groups along with all of the other messages that we send out on a daily basis. We would like everyone to download this app and all messages will be sent via this method. The texting that we have been using is very limited and costly and doesn't serve our needs. I have attached the details about the app to this letter and the code that you require will be in the text that I will send out.

Supervised study will return on the 29th September for 3rd and 6th year students. As students will be socially distanced there will be limited availability. Students should sign up for study using the FORM on their year group team.

Due to the success of our staff training last Thursday and to facilitate ongoing upskilling amongst staff there will be a further half day on Wednesday 23rd September. Students will finish at 11:45am.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians for your patience as we navigate the new world we live in. It is not easy for anyone, but we are doing our best to make it work and I appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Ursula McCabe

Principal