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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are well and keeping safe. As we begin our new academic Year 2021/22 we extend a special welcome to our new First Year Students, wishing them a successful transition to St Eunan's College. We continue with the procedures introduced last Year to reduce the risk of COVID 19 within our school community, which allow us to continue with face to face tuition. I appreciate your understanding in helping us make this a reality. On behalf of the staff of St Eunan's College, I take this opportunity of wishing each and every student success in the year ahead, reaching their full potential in all aspects of College life.

I would like to update you on a number of things for this year. We continue to adhere to Public Health advice and follow guidance issued by the Department of Education and Skills to reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering our school. Please refer to our Website to view our COVID-19 Response plan. I commend the students and staff for the efforts they have taken to enable our school to function on a day to day basis. I also thank you for your understanding and contribution in helping us successfully open the school. Please take note of the following:

- **Google Classroom** is up and running. Every student by this stage should have access to all subject areas. Google Classroom is the remote digital learning platform that we use in St Eunan's College. **Please check with your son that he has access to all his subjects and accepted all invites from their subject teachers.** Your son's cooperation with this is vital to ensure full engagement at all times with his education. Students can access school work on this platform. Our Acceptable Usage Policy must be adhered to at all times. **Please note: On Friday, 1st October, students will remain at home and log into Google Classroom.** Roll Calls will be taken at the start of each class (Except class at 11.15 am). A Range of different methodologies will be used by Staff on the day. Please ensure your son logs in. This is a trial run of Google Classroom in the event of further disruption during this academic year - We continue to pray that no further disruption will occur.
- **RaysetheGame:** A study Skills and motivational Seminar will take place for all 3rd and 6th Year students next **Tuesday, 28th September** during the school day. An Online Evening Event has been organised for Parents/Guardians of all Year groups who wish to join. This will take place at **7 pm** and a link will be sent out closer to the time. I would be most grateful if you could take some time to join Ray Langan and listen to the tips he has to offer. More information to follow on this.
- Our uniform policy is up and running, and we appreciate all the support received from Parents/Guardians to help us maintain the standards we expect from our students. **Full uniform must be worn** which includes black shoes, school tie and the school jacket. On the

day when students have PE, they are permitted to wear their PE gear (tracksuit bottoms only, not shorts) but must have their uniform with them to change into afterwards.

- Our review of the Code of Positive Behaviour will be finalised this year. The process started last year but was not complete. Work will continue on this over the course of this academic year and Parents/Guardians will be kept informed of its progress via a survey and the Parents Association who meet monthly.
- An initial meeting of the Parents Association will take place next week. We will be in touch afterwards with details of how you can get involved. I would strongly encourage as many as possible to get involved as it makes our school community a stronger and more inclusive one.
- I take this opportunity of thanking all those for the **Voluntary Contribution** and ask you, where possible, to contribute if you have not done so already. We deeply appreciate the efforts people make to subscribe, especially in these difficult times. Schools are expensive to run and your contribution goes towards these running costs, along with funding the various projects your son is involved in over the course of the year. A link has been sent out and this can be paid throughout the school year.
- Our school calendar, which can be located in your son's school journal, and on our website, may be subject to change. We will keep you updated on any changes that may occur throughout the year via the School App. Details on how to access the school App are on our website and you can ring the school office for the validation code.
- Please refer to our **Website** and **School App** for regular updates.
- Extra Curricular Activities: We continue to follow current guidance on this and await further information. Some Clubs and Societies are currently operating, following all protocols. We will keep your son updated as the year progresses.
- St Eunan's Day is this Thursday, 23rd September. We will mark this day in school throughout the day.

Some updates for your attention:

- **Parent Teacher Meetings:** At present it is advised that face to face parent teacher meetings should not occur (This may change as the year progresses). We await further guidance on this issue from the Department of Education and Skills. We are investigating the prospect of running an online option for Parent /Teacher meetings. We are not sure if this is possible as yet and more details will follow. We can however reassure parents/guardians that at school level, we have agreed plans that a comprehensive, detailed report will be posted coinciding with the date the Parent Teacher meeting for each Year Group is due to take place. Any Parent/Guardian who wishes to speak further about any issue can contact their son's Year Head and they will get back to you as soon as possible. I will contact you with updates on Online Parent/Teacher meetings once information has been gathered.
- **For the Attention of 3rd Year Parents/Guardians: Please note the change of date in the event that Parent Teacher Meetings take place. It is now scheduled for Thursday, 11th November instead of Thursday, 4th November.**
- **House Exam Schedule:** The Christmas and Summer Exams will go ahead as planned. Please note some changes:

First Year Christmas Assessment/Exams will take place the week beginning 22nd November. A Timetable for the Exams will be issued prior to commencement (First week in November).

Second and Fifth Year Christmas Assessments/Exams: As per Calendar in school journal (December 16th – 22nd)

Third and Sixth Year: Class tests will continue on a regular basis. The Mock Examinations will take place as per school calendar (February 7th – 18th, 2022).

The fees for the Mock examinations are €110. A link will be sent out later next month and instalments can be paid. All Mock Examination fees must be paid by Tuesday, 1st February, 2022.

Transition Year: A Report of Students progress will be issued at Christmas and in Summer. Certain Subject areas will have regular class tests.

I thank you for taking the time to read all the information given above. I will be in touch with you over the coming weeks and months regarding relevant news. In the meantime we continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers those within our community and beyond who continue to be affected by COVID-19.

Yours faithfully,

Damien Mc Croary

Principal