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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle back into the second half of this term, we wish to remind you of important school information as well as update you on recent / upcoming school events.

Whole-School Wellbeing

On Thursday, 4th November, Abbey Community College raised awareness of UNESCO's *International Day against Violence and Bullying in School, including Cyberbullying* by holding a whole school information session, facilitated by our Student Council. This initiative links directly to the Junior Cycle Wellbeing Indicators and also highlights the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Upcoming Terminal Exams (Assessment Zone 1)

As per our [school calendar](#), Terminal Exams for Assessment Zone 1 will take place from Tuesday, 30th November to Friday, 3rd December (inclusive) for all year groups. Teachers will inform and advise their students in the coming weeks regarding structure of and revision for these exams. Timetables will be issued to students in their Year Group Teams.

Student Record Book (SRB)

Parents/Guardians should sign the Student Record Book on page 27 and 28 where appropriate and ensure contact details are entered correctly on page 35.

Microsoft Teams

All students in Abbey Community College have an Office 365 account. We would recommend that all students have the free Microsoft Teams and Microsoft OneNote Apps downloaded onto their devices for easy access to class resources. Students should also check their Year Group Teams regularly for important school announcements including news of clubs and sporting activities.

Leaving School Grounds during the School Day

Students do not have permission to leave school grounds during the school day without prior permission from their Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal. If a student is unwell and wishes to go home, they are not permitted to use their mobile phones to contact home. They must speak with their Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal.

VSware

VSware is our school's management information system. We request that all parents/guardians download the free VSware app to **view their child's school profile daily**. **Parents/Guardians are required to submit absence requests on VSware in advance of full and partial days**. All parents/guardians received their log in details via text message. Tutorials and user guides are available on our website [here](#). If you still require further assistance, please contact the school at info@abbeycommunitycollege.com.

Uniform

A reminder to parents/guardians re. school uniform was sent via text message upon our return to school. Students without full uniform must present themselves **with a note of explanation from their parent/guardian** to the Principal, Deputy Principals or their Year Head before 8.40 am. For further uniform clarification, please click [here](#).

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is proud to play an active role in Abbey Community College. They seek to promote active involvement of parents within the Association and elect parent representatives to the Board of Management of the school. In order for the Parents' Association to go from strength to strength, it is important to have new parents with new ideas involved in the committee. If you would like to get involved, please contact info@abbeycommunitycollege.com.

Text Messaging and Correspondence

In Abbey Community College, text messaging is used to communicate with home. **Please notify the school immediately if your mobile phone number changes.**

Covid-19

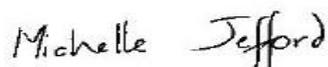
As we continue to deal with school life and Covid-19, we remind parents/guardians of the public health advice about COVID-19 symptoms. Please [click here](#) for parent-focused public health advice.

School News

Our school website www.abbeycommunitycollege.com contains a wealth of information about Abbey Community College. We ask that parents check the website regularly. We also update our social media platforms with the latest school news, events and student information. Please see *Abbey Community College Waterford (Official)* on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We hope that your child is happy in our school. We do our utmost to create a positive and productive learning environment for all. Thank you for your continued support for Abbey Community College – *Together towards Excellence*.

Yours faithfully,



Michelle Jefford

Principal