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Dear Parents / Guardians,

To begin, please allow us to once again thank you for choosing Abbey Community College as the school that you wish to send your child to. We are aware of the enormous trust that you place in us by making this choice and we will do all that we can to justify that trust. There are exciting times ahead, and we are anxious to start as smoothly as possible to aid your child's transition into secondary school. As such, as we look forward to the new academic year, we would like to inform you about the arrangements for the beginning of the year as well as some housekeeping issues that will need your attention.

In Abbey Community College, the six 1st year class groups are named after Abbeys situated throughout Ireland and your child is assigned to _____.

Listed below are the 1st year Induction dates – please note that all dates are provisional and dependent on the most up to date Covid restrictions.

Tuesday 31st August Induction Day 1	8:45am – 1:00pm	(Full uniform must be worn)
Wednesday 1st September Induction Day 2	8:45am – 1:00pm	(Full PE uniform must be worn)
Thursday 2nd September Induction Day 3	8:45am – 1:00pm	(Full PE uniform must be worn)
Friday 3rd September Full classes for all students.	8:45am – 1:00pm	

N.B. All students must have their appropriate textbooks for the commencement of class.

Text Messaging

In communicating with home, we regularly use text messages to communicate with parents. Please notify the school immediately if your nominated number(s) change.

Entrance Assessments

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to run our entrance assessments at the traditional time. Please note that the assessments will not take place during the induction period. They will be completed in due course.

Student Record Book

All students will be issued with a *Student Record Book*. Students and parents are expected to read the *Student Record Book* carefully and sign in the appropriate places. The senior management team, year head and staff members will inspect this book regularly.

Contact Numbers and Addresses

College Phone Number: 051 832930
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Website: www.abbeycommunitycollege.com

Please note the following:

- Cars dropping students or collecting them from school are **not allowed past the turning circle area just inside the school entrance**. Parking is not allowed in the staff car park, on grass areas or on kerbs.
- All visits to the school are **strictly by appointment only**. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

School Calendar

The school calendar for the academic year August 2021 to June 2022 is on our website www.abbeycommunitycollege.com and will be updated regularly. Please use the school calendar for reference.

School Timetable / School Day

- Please note the start and finish times of the school day in the table below.
- Classes will start for all year groups at 8.45 am. Students should be in school by 8.35 am (at the latest) to ensure that they are prepared for their classes.
- First Years will have PE on two separate days every week. On the days when your child has PE, they should come to school in their full PE uniform.

On Induction Day 1 your child will be provided with their timetable which will outline their class times and their location.

***Please note the change to the different finishing time of the school day on Friday**

Day	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Start Time	8:45 am	8:45 am
Finish Time	3:40 pm	* 1:00 pm

VSware

In an effort to enable greater parental involvement in our students' time in Abbey Community College, we have provided parents with access to our Management Information System, VSware.

Parents are able to check attendance reports and behavioural reports (positive and negative) recorded that day, and all previous days of school, as well as your child's timetable and term reports.

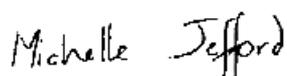
This year we will also be asking parents to use the VSware app to submit absence requests (full and partial days). We will be in contact in August with the necessary username and passwords. Please make sure to have the app downloaded prior to your child starting school (more information to follow in August).

Way2Pay - an effective income collections system for schools

A link has already been sent to the nominated mobile for students wishing to take part in the Book Rental Scheme. The link for the voluntary family contribution will be sent in August.

In closing, I hope that you all enjoy and benefit from a relaxing break from the routine of school over the summer months and I very much look forward to working with you and getting to know you in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Jefford

Principal