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Dear parents/guardians and students,

As we reach the half way point of the summer holiday period, I write to provide a brief update on a few issues, as follows:

- The Department of Education and Skills (DES) has announced that detailed guidelines relating to the re-opening of schools will be issued before the end of July. Once these have been received and studied by the school I shall provide you with all relevant information, by means of further letters to families, ahead of what we all hope will be a full return to school in the week beginning Monday, 31 August 2020
- The school strongly requests that students will not have been abroad in the 14 day period prior to their scheduled return to school in September.
- The DES has announced that this year's Leaving Certificate results will be made available on Monday, 7 September. The means by which students can access their results on that date have yet to be clarified.
- Within the next week, a refund will be issued to the parents of Transition Year (TY) students who have previously paid the TY fee in full. This refund will be in respect of payments made for events that did not take place during the period of enforced school closure from 12 March last.
- Parents of students entering TY in September are asked not to make any online payment in respect of TY until such time as the school can assess the range of activities that it will be able to offer students given the Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place. I shall write to the parents of TY students when the situation becomes clearer.

- The school remains closed to students and parents for the time being. When such permission is eventually granted to us, we will make suitable arrangements for students to retrieve possessions from their lockers.
- Between now and Friday, 7 August, the school office will be open for telephone enquiries each weekday from 09.00 to 13.00. Any forms requiring a school signature or official stamp should be posted to the school and will be dealt with at once. Normal office hours – 07.45 to 16.15 weekdays – will resume on Monday, 10 August.
- Details of the 2020/2021 booklists, Free Books Scheme and school calendar are to be found on the school website. You will appreciate that the calendar is entirely dependent on prevailing public health regulations.
- Student timetables for 2020/2021 will be available on Eportal from Monday, 17 August.

Let us hope that public health considerations will allow us to welcome all students and staff back to our school in the coming weeks. Until then, I wish you a very pleasant summer.

Yours faithfully,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.