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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I hope you are well as we pass the halfway point of this term. This message relates to our use of VS Ware.

As you know, we introduced VS Ware in September 2022. This software allows all parents/guardians to track attendance and view term reports. Since then, we have gradually started to use more and more of the features available to us. For example, in recent months, we have moved some of our fee payments to VS so that parents/guardians will only need to use the one app.

In line with this approach, I wish to inform you that we will develop the use of the 'Behaviour' tab next week. This tab allows teachers record positive comments in relation to a particular student as well as highlighting negative behaviours (e.g., not completing homework etc.). The aim of this is to help give an overall picture of student progress and, where appropriate, acknowledge the positive contribution of so many on a daily basis. Students will obtain points for positive comments and will be presented with positive reward certificates at the end of the year. This data will be visible to all parents, and we see this very much as another method of enhancing communication between home and school. Please note, we will not implement this system with the 6th year students as they have a relatively short time left.

This week, the Deputy Principals have held assemblies with the relevant year groups in order to explain the new system and answer any queries the students had.

If you haven't already done so, please download the VS Ware app as it is the most efficient way of viewing the data. The app is available online and can be found by typing 'Loreto, Wexford' initially. The redevelopment of our school app is almost complete and will be available soon.

Wishing you well in the run-up to Saint Patrick's Day.

Yours sincerely,

John Mc Ginnity,

Principal.