



Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

The 2019-2020 academic school year turned out to be a very different year for us all. Thank you for all your support especially since March 12th. The Department of Education and Skills is in the process of developing documentation to guide schools through the process of re-opening of schools at the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic year. It is hoped that this information will be available to schools in early August. We will then contact you once a **Return to School Plan** has been formulated. In the interim, we hope that your summer break brings good health, enjoyment and relaxation.

Please note the following information



- Calendar 2020/2021 will not be published until we have more details about the return to school. We **provisionally** put **Friday August 28th** as the day that our new 1st year students will start school at Mercy Ballymahon. However this is subject to change.



- Booklists are available on the school website.



- **Booklist.** Please note than instead of buying the A4 **Hardback** copies you can buy the A4 **Soft cover** copies. We suggest that you also buy **12 A4 plastic zip folders (no need to buy new ones if you got them last year)** –one for each subject, into which you can put copies /handouts/tests etc. This will help you be more organised for class. These can be bought in Discount stores.



- All students must buy the hard cover Mercy Ballymahon School Journal which has pre-printed notes for school absence etc. Homework must be recorded in journal. The cost of the journal is €6 and must be bought on return to school. Cost of this is included in €40 paid by incoming 1st year students and in the TY fee.
- The Application Form for the Book Grant was emailed to incoming 1st yr and 5th yr parent(s) guardian(s) already, and vouchers have been distributed. There are two major book bills: incoming 1st Year and 5th Year, so all of the grant will be given to the applications in these year groups. The Department of Education and Skills do not permit the grant money to be spent on exam papers.(The main expense on 3rd and 6th Year book bills.



- The School office will re-open on Tuesday August 4th. It is now closed.

Ms. Josephine Donohue

Mr. Gary Kenny

Principal

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