



August 28th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/1st Year Students.

I want to extend a warm welcome to our Incoming 1st Year Students.

Induction Day: Tuesday 1st September: 9.30a.m.-2.00p.m.

Students will be met at the school gates by the Principal Ms. Donohue, Deputy Principal Mr. Kenny and Year head Ms. O Sullivan.

Students will need to be collected at 2pm from school gate as buses will be operating at 4pm.

This day consists of activities and a barbeque.

The year group will be divided into the **four home classes** for the activities and barbecue unlike in previous years the whole year group did the activities together.

- ✓ All students must wear face masks unless the school has been notified of a medical reason for not doing so.
- ✓ Wear comfortable clothing and runners. No uniform.
- ✓ Do **not** bring in ipad/school books.
- ✓ Bring small snack and drink for 11 o'clock break. Barbecue for lunch.

Wednesday September 2nd: 9a.m to 4p.m

- ✓ School uniform must be worn. Bring iPad, a copy and a pen.
- ✓ Students will receive their timetable and Student Journal,
- ✓ Bring snack for morning break, lunch and a drink.

Thursday September 3rd: 9a.m.-4p.m.

- ✓ Students will meet their 6th Year "Best Buddy".

Friday September 4th: No school for 1st year students

This is to help facilitate the return to school gradually for all year groups this year due to Covid-19.



- **Mobile Phone Policy** During the school day from 8am to 4pm and during Evening Study mobile phones *must be powered off and out of sight*. An exception may be made where a student uses their mobile phone to monitor a pre-existing medical condition. In the case of an emergency, parent/guardian may contact the school office to speak to their child. This policy was adopted as mobile phones had become a major distraction and a disruptive influence for our students during class. If a student breaks this rule, their phone will be kept at the office for two days and two nights.



- We are looking forward to meeting all 120 of our new first year students and hope your time at Mercy Ballymahon will be happy and productive.

Yours sincerely,



Josephine Donohue
Principal