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Dear Parents, Guardians and First Year Presentation Students,

We are all looking forward to meeting all our new First Year students tomorrow, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9.40am, for their first day in secondary school with us. During the day, the First Year Year Head, Ms Pauline Beglin, our Guidance Counsellor, Mr Declan Murphy, some of our Class Tutors and other staff members will be helping our new students to get to know our school buildings and other aspects of what is involved for students in the daily life of a secondary school.

We, here in Presentation, Waterford, are fully committed to ensuring that our first years will be fully supported to have a smooth transition and return to school. We understand that some students returning to school after such a long period of isolation, are likely to have lots of concerns about the risk of infection, the challenges that are part and parcel of moving into secondary school or in relation to the changes to the school environment, due to the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Be assured that we have a comprehensive Induction Plan in place for all Incoming First Year Students, to support them to make a smooth and confident transition to their new school life with us, in Presentation Secondary School, Waterford.

These are unprecedented times and we are working hard to reduce all risks associated with the virus, to ensure the safe reopening of our school for all our staff and students. We will endeavour to support our students as much as possible, through our pastoral care structures, through our wellbeing curriculum in SPHE, PE and CSPE, through open communication and partnership with all parents/guardians and directing students and their families towards publically available sources of support. Measures in place will be reviewed on an ongoing basis in line with public health guidelines, so please check our website and your emails regularly where any changes and updates will be communicated to the school community via postings on the website and email to

parents/guardians. We are aware that some students may have gone through traumatic events, serious illness, the death of a relative or a friend and there may be financial difficulties in a household in these uncertain times. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you feel your daughter may need extra support as she returns to school with us.

**Schedule for Induction Day for First Year Students, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 9.40am to 2.40pm.**

- Wear the School PE gear and a mask
- Bring some hand sanitiser if you have it & a small zip plastic bag
- Bring a snack, a small lunch and water to drink
- Bring a copy/notebook and pen

**Only students will have access to the school building during the day.**

Parents/guardians should drop their daughter at the school gates for 9.40am and collect them again from outside the school gate at 2.40pm. If a parent/guardian needs to make a payment for their daughter's book rental, they should contact the school office at 051-376584 to make an appointment. For the safety of all, access to the school buildings will only be for staff and students for the foreseeable future, with all other visitors, including parents/guardians/family members, allowed on the premises only when appointments have been arranged with school office staff.

We, as a school, appreciate that we are all living through exceptional times which are impacting on the wellbeing of everyone in different ways, at different times. Like everyone, we are all naturally worried about the risks to our own physical health and that of our loved ones and friends. There will be significant emphasis on promoting the wellbeing of all our school community as we reopen, to ensure a successful and safe return to school, as we all continue to manage the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Please don't hesitate to contact us by email at [office@preswaterford.ie](mailto:office@preswaterford.ie) or by phone at 051-376584 if we can help or support your daughter or your family in anyway.

Thank you for your continued support for our school. We look forward to working with you and your daughter, as we start the new school year, 2020/2021.

Yours sincerely,

Orla Bolger

Orla Bolger, School Principal