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Dear Parents / Guardians

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. As the end of the holidays fast approaches, we are all looking forward to meeting all of our new First Years and getting them settled in at DVS. We hope it will be a more 'normal' year than last year and that restrictions can be eased.

Our First Years are scheduled to commence on **Friday**, 27th August. This will be an Induction Day. All students are to meet in the Mayflower Hall at 9:00am. They will finish that day at 12:30am. Induction Day comprises "ice-breaking" activities and helps students get to know each other as well as meeting some of their teachers and getting familiar with the lay-out of the school. Our activities may be limited due to public health advice and we are awaiting guidelines on that. Students do not need to bring any books on that day. They will be provided with light snacks at break -time.

First years will **not** have school on Monday 30th August and will return on Tuesday 31st for a full day as per their timetables. They will receive their timetables that morning.

School Books & equipment

All text books will be provided under the book rental scheme. Details of fees and methods of payment will be issued in September. Each subject teacher will give details to students on equipment requirements for their classes. Until then, students should have a set of soft back copies, pens & pencils and ideally a mathematical set (protractor, set squares, ruler etc)

Uniform

Our school uniform is available in The Magnet, Carick-on-Shannon. Ideally students should have a track suit and runners for PE days. Our PE teacher will give them full details in their first class.

Mask requirements

We are still awaiting guidelines but as of now it is expected that all students (other than those with medical exemptions) will be required to wear masks

Lunch time

For the time-being, First Years will not be permitted to leave school grounds at lunch break. Students can bring their own lunch or purchase in the Mayflower.

I will be in contact with you again when the school year begins with further information and details on any changes in our procedures this year due to the Covid restrictions. I also hope to be able to meet you all shortly to answer any questions that you might have. In the meantime, you can contact me by e mail at <u>martinfallon@msletb.ie</u>. We hope all our students enjoy the last couple of weeks of holidays and we look forward to meeting them all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fallon

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