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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First and foremost may I extend a very warm welcome to you on this special occasion. The move from Primary school to Secondary School is a significant milestone in your child's education. I know that they will be leaving the comfort and safety of their Primary School behind and preparing for the great adventure that is secondary school. In order to prepare for that transition we have put a lot of supports in place.

On Tuesday morning students will meet their class teachers. More importantly they will have the opportunity to meet new class mates. Sometimes students look around their new class and think that they know no one and that all their friends are in the other class. Rest assured, many students are probably thinking the same. New beginnings bring with them new opportunities and meeting new people and making new friends is one of those opportunities.

Students will also have the opportunity to meet the Meitheal Leaders and they are the senior students who will play a very important role in the first few months ensuring that children settle in and get involved. They will be regular visitors to classes and will be there to answer any questions that arise.

Once again new beginnings bring with them new opportunities. There are many clubs and activities to get involved in at the school; from Gaelic Football/LGFA Hurling/Camoige to Soccer, Basketball, Athletics there are so many sporting opportunities. My only advice is that students get involved.

On Tuesday, students will get information regarding Tutor Class, Timetables, Subject Options and Lunch Break arrangements. They will follow an Induction Programme that continues on Wednesday. On Thursday our 2nd and 3rd Year students return to school. Friday 2nd September is Induction Day for 4th, 5th & 6th years. There is **no school** for first years on Thursday & Friday as a result. Normal classes commence on Monday 4th September. We really look forward to meeting our first year students.

Yours sincerely,

John Nolan
Principal