



14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Due to a national and indeed local shortage of teachers we have started the school year without teachers for a number of subject areas. We are not alone in this predicament as other schools are all faced with the same staffing issues for the coming school year.

We have been able to make some adjustments to timetables with teacher rotations occurring until a suitably qualified teacher is hired. Moreover, these “free” classes are always supervised by substitute teachers with teaching council qualifications and appropriate Garda Vetting.

Additionally, we also continue to experience a significant amount of teacher in-service over the next few months. This phase of in-service arises as part of teachers Continuing Professional Development (CPD) used by Junior Cycle Teachers to support the school in implementing the Framework for Junior Cycle.

This is far from the ideal experience we strive to provide for our students, but it is the reality we are faced with making the best of. This will take us all continuing to personify our school values to provide positive outcomes for our students together. It is also important for us to continue to encourage and support our teaching staff who will be taking on extra assignments and sacrificing planning/collaboration time to help cover classes while still working tirelessly to create educational experiences in their own classrooms for students.

I look forward to future communications where I can share that we have filled these vacant positions with teachers to serve our students.

Yours sincerely,

John Nolan

Principal.