



Dunmore Community School

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Dear 1st year Parent/Guardian,

I know it's hard to believe, but this day next week, your son/daughter will have completed their first day in Dunmore Community School. I thought I'd take this opportunity to put a few concerns at rest for next week. The first day is all about putting our 1st Years minds at ease about the Transition to Post Primary. They are the only year group at school that day.

Thanks to all of you who came in today to pay and collect your child's books. It was lovely to meet you and our new 1st years (and future 1st years). There is another opportunity tomorrow from 11-4 for those of you who could not make it in today and wish to collect the books before term starts. Otherwise, students can collect their books upon payment the following week.

On Monday, between 8:30am and 9:00am, your son/daughter can be dropped off at the school main gate (beside Bikeshed). They will enter the school by the main door where they will be greeted by Ms Griffiths (Deputy Principal), Ms Grehan (Yearhead) or myself and they will be brought into the Auditorium to the left of the main door. All they need to bring with them for this day is their schoolbag, a pen, the school journal (if they have received it or €10 to purchase one), a copy and a snack & drink for the 11 o'clock break. We will go through the normal day to day routine of attending post-primary school. They will also have an opportunity to ask any questions/raise any concerns they might have.

During the day, your child will get a tour of the school, have an opportunity to meet some of their teachers, receive their Timetables and locker keys and possibly have enough time to attend 1 or 2 classes. When we finish at 1:15, students will leave by the same gate, where parents can collect them. Please note that after Monday, there is no parking along the road beside the high wall, as this is where the buses collect students each evening.

Tomorrow you will receive a text from me containing a username and a password for your child's VSWare Account. VSWare is the online platform we use to hold our students' information: Timetable, Results, Attendance, Behaviour Records etc. It is accessed from our Website www.dunmorecs.ie and going to the VSWare Login link. As the term has not started, when you look at the timetable it will appear blank, just choose a date during the school term to view your child's timetable.

On Tuesday the 27th, your child is to bring the relevant books they need until lunchtime that day. Buses will start running on Tuesday morning and again at 1:15. Please check with other students about the times of morning collection by buses.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your child to us in Dunmore Community School, I hope they will be very happy here, and I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Kind Regards,

D. Quinn.