

First Year Parent Information Meeting

WELCOME!!!





Core Values

Excellence in Education

Respect

Care

Community

Equality



SCHOOL MOTTO

'LEARNING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED'

What is
the
purpose of
this
meeting?

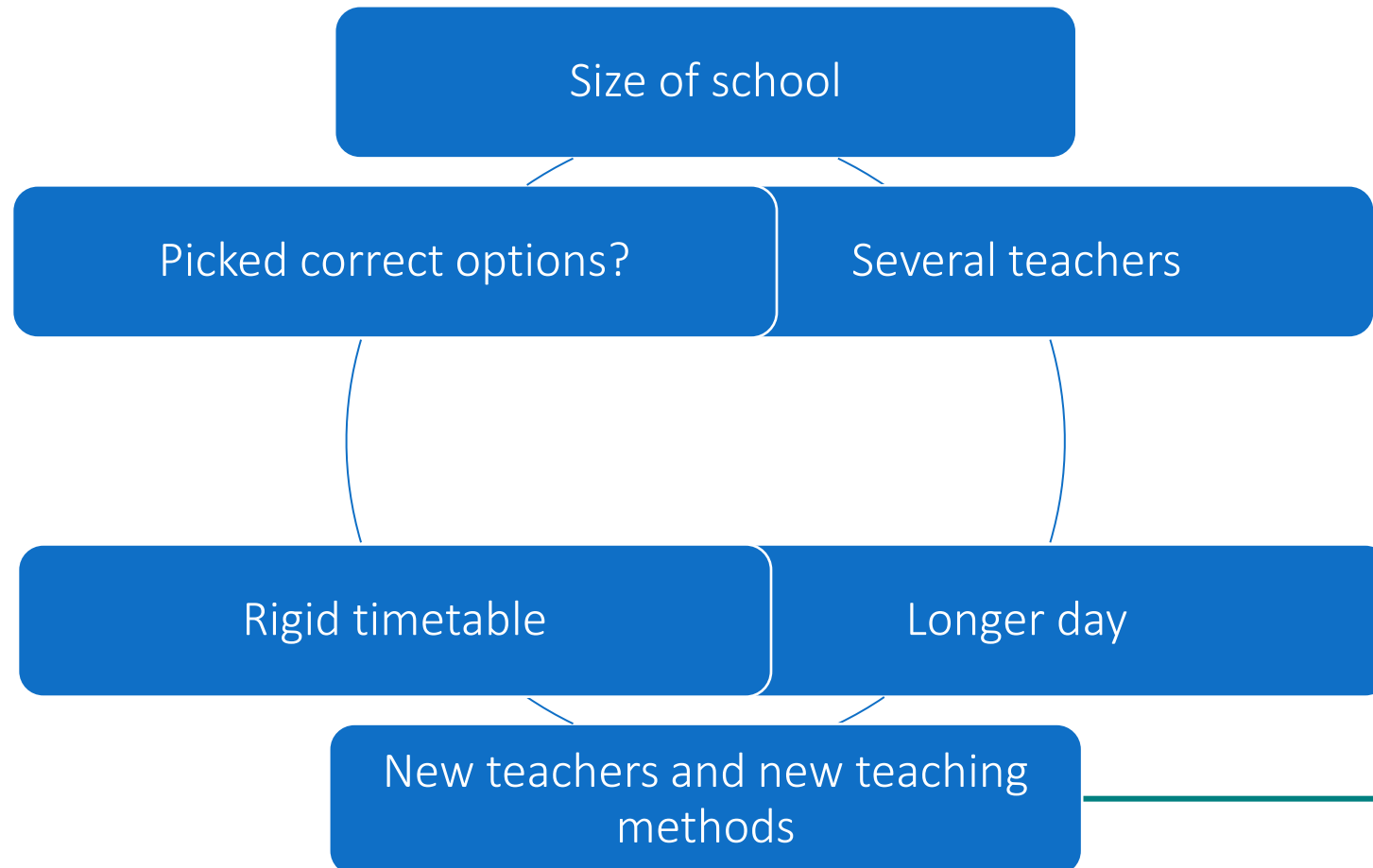
One month done....are we settling into life in
CDI?

1. Transitioning and settling in
2. What learning is all about
3. Managing information

Please follow the link to a Study guide for
1st year – [1st Year Study Guidelines](#)

Making the transition from primary to secondary school

Everyone goes at their own pace - Social and Academic Transitions. Possible causes of concern:





Other challenges ??

- Being the smallest
 - Making new friends
 - Management of homework- some homework may not be due for a few days
 - New language of post-primary school
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Clubs and Societies Day

Opportunity to visit stands for all Clubs and Societies in the school and sign up to those that they were interested in.

Not too late to join any club / committee.

ECA FIRST YEARS - Clubs and Committees

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH	Basketball League Chess Greenschools Com. Musical Badminton	Chess Art club Music – ‘Trad Tues’ (after musical) Musical Multi activities	N/A	Chess Creative writing / Book club Musical Debating Student Council	Chess Soccer League Musical Dance / Gymnastics
AFTERSCHOOL	<u>3.45 – 4.45</u> Rugby Junior Dún (4-6) Girls Football Musical Speech and Drama	<u>3.45 – 4.45</u> Camogie Soccer girls Musical Junior Boys basketball Gym (no weights) Hurling	<u>1.15 -2.15</u> Basketball girls Golf (golf club 1.45-2.45) Musical Gaelic Football Boys	<u>3.45 – 4.45</u> Athletics (Oct) Musical Soccer boys Gym	<u>3.45 – 4.45</u> Musical



ECA

When is too many?

Learning Buddy

Teams

Permission slips - games





JUNIOR DÚN

After School Club

1st years ONLY

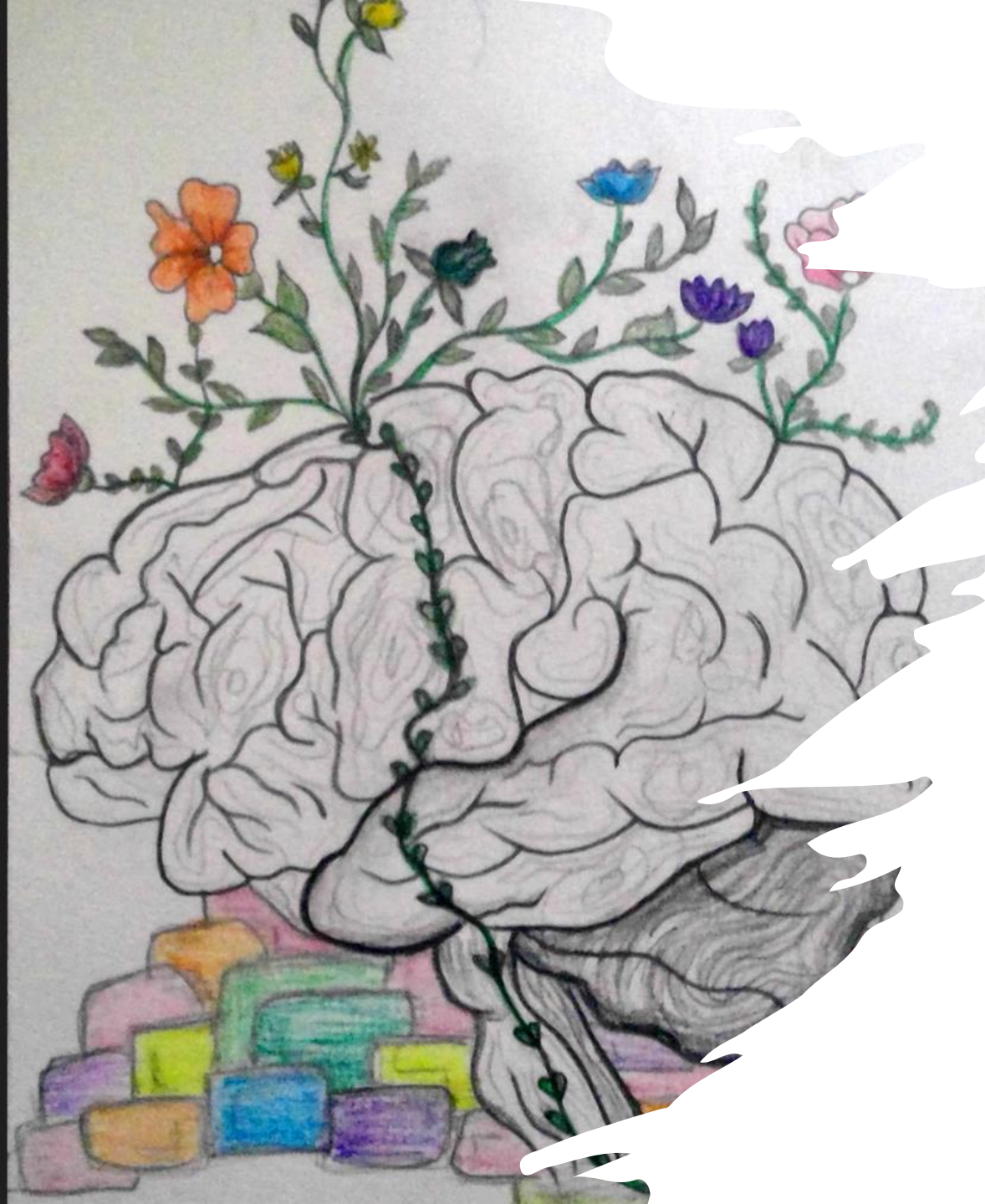
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every MONDAY

Leading Learners and teachers carry out activity for first hour with students – baking, sport, art, games etc.

Followed by a healthy snack.

Then study guided by our leading learners.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- SPORT
 - STUDENT COUNCIL
 - CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
 - CLUBS / SOCIETIES / COMMITTEES
 - SCHOOL SHOW
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Important Reminders (Year Head)

Homework - Use of Learning Journal

Late for school / Leaving school early

Uniform and Lockers

First Aid

Change of Subject – Procedures (Journal
pg 51)

Mobile Phones

Anti-bullying policy – including
Cyberbullying (Humourfit presentation
to first years / Maureen Griffin –Internet
Safety)

Canteen



SEPTEMBER

2022

Meán Fómhair | September | Septembre | Septiembre | Settembre

M	5	12	19	26
T	6	13	20	27
W	7	14	21	28
T	8	15	22	29
F	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24
S	4	11	18	25

SUBJECT

HOMEWORK

DUE DONE

• Lundi • Montag
• Lunes • Lunedi
• Dé Luath

Monday
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art - bring in phones for wednesday homework - worksheet
history - got our lockers and keys during class - no homework
- bring in A4 history copy and history book for tomorrow
science - homework - KC exercise page 85 questions 1,2,4,5
maths - did some algebra in class what's not done is for homework - bring in maths copy for classwork / homework
geography - homework - draw the diagram and label it - page 3
Irish - went over junior cert Irish test and ~~the~~ bring in Irish copy

Don't Forget:

• Mardi • Dienstag
• Martes • Martedi
• Dé Máirt

Tuesday
6

tg - mr. obrien not in had ms. fitzgerald - did wordsearches
cspe - talked about citizens and global citizenship
english - looked over the ordinary english junior cert tests
- class might change (teacher, students. room).
geography - talked more about the dynamic earth and layers of the earth - the crust and plates moving homework - q. 3&2
german - in the computer room - homework - learn the subjects
history - learned about the reformation of the catholic church

Recording Learning/Homework

We like to see a record of everything that is done in each class

Late for School / Leaving Early

Late for School

During Period 1 – Remind your son / daughter to meet a Principal in the cafeteria to sign in. (Journal and vsware will be edited before student goes to class)

After Period 1 – Sign in takes place in the main office

PROCEDURES FOR LEAVING SCHOOL

The vsware absence request on the parent app must be completed one day in advance

Students can only be collected at break of class or break times

Students must go to the office to be collected by parent/guardian

The parent /guardian must present in person at the school office and sign student out.

Uniform & Lockers



Students must be in full school uniform every day except Friday and the day they have PE day or if the student is attending a match.



Please label clothes. Lost and found available in school .



No facial piercings, only stud piercing in ears.



Brown /black or navy shoes –no visible labels



Lockers – 2 sets of books only needed at any time

FIRST AID

If student feels ill, students inform timetabled teacher before getting permission to go to First Aid.

Students can ring home from first aid room if feeling unwell with permission

If feeling ill at break times students report to the office and then go to the First Aid Room

Parents and Guardians will be contacted if appropriate.

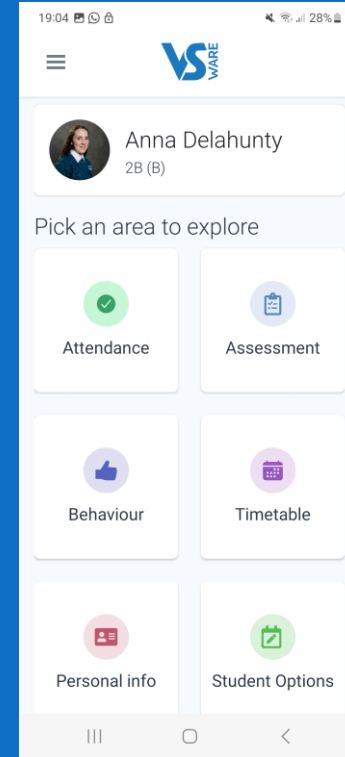
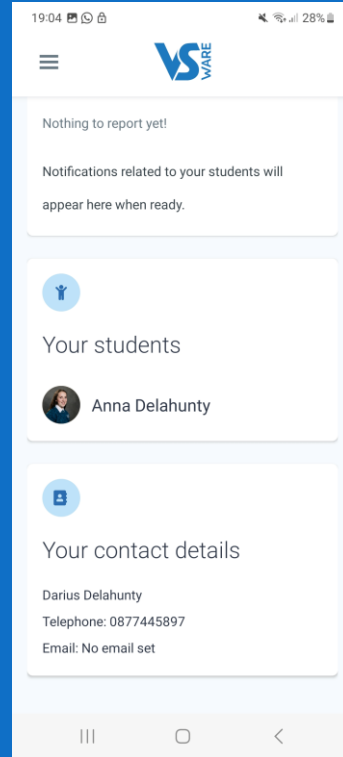
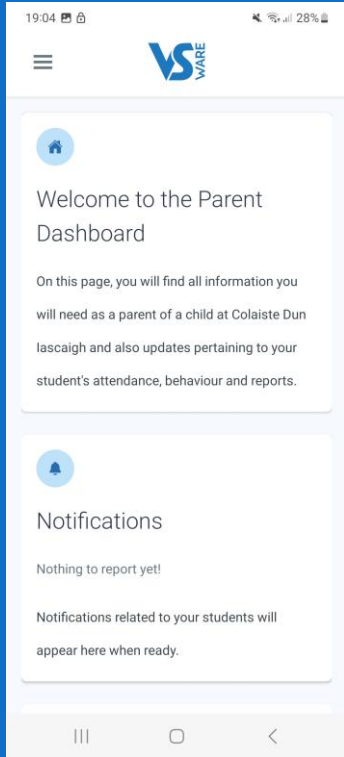
Communication





VSware

The Parent's View!



What you get!



2023/2024 Overview

Progress Score

103



Breakdown of Incidents



20:51

27%



Submit Absence

Please select the absence type below



Single Date



Multi Date

Next

Back



Settling in – What you can do to help at home

HOMEWORK / LEARNING JOURNAL

- Set a regular pattern for homework time. Show interest in work done. Praise good effort.
 - Provide a quiet, well-lit place to work.
 - Actively help your son/daughter to revise.
 - Remove access to mobile phones / TV when doing homework, study and at night-time.
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- In the first term, each evening, help your son / daughter to check their timetable regarding homework, books, equipment or notes required for the school next day.
- Check and sign the Learning Journal each week.
- Keep a copy of the timetable in a visible spot at home.

Settling in What you can do to help at home



OTHER TIPS



- Fill in the absence, late or permission to leave notes on Vsware or in the Learning Journal when relevant.



- Arranging appointments for outside of school time.



- Encourage a healthy lifestyle (sleep, diet, exercise, use of technology)



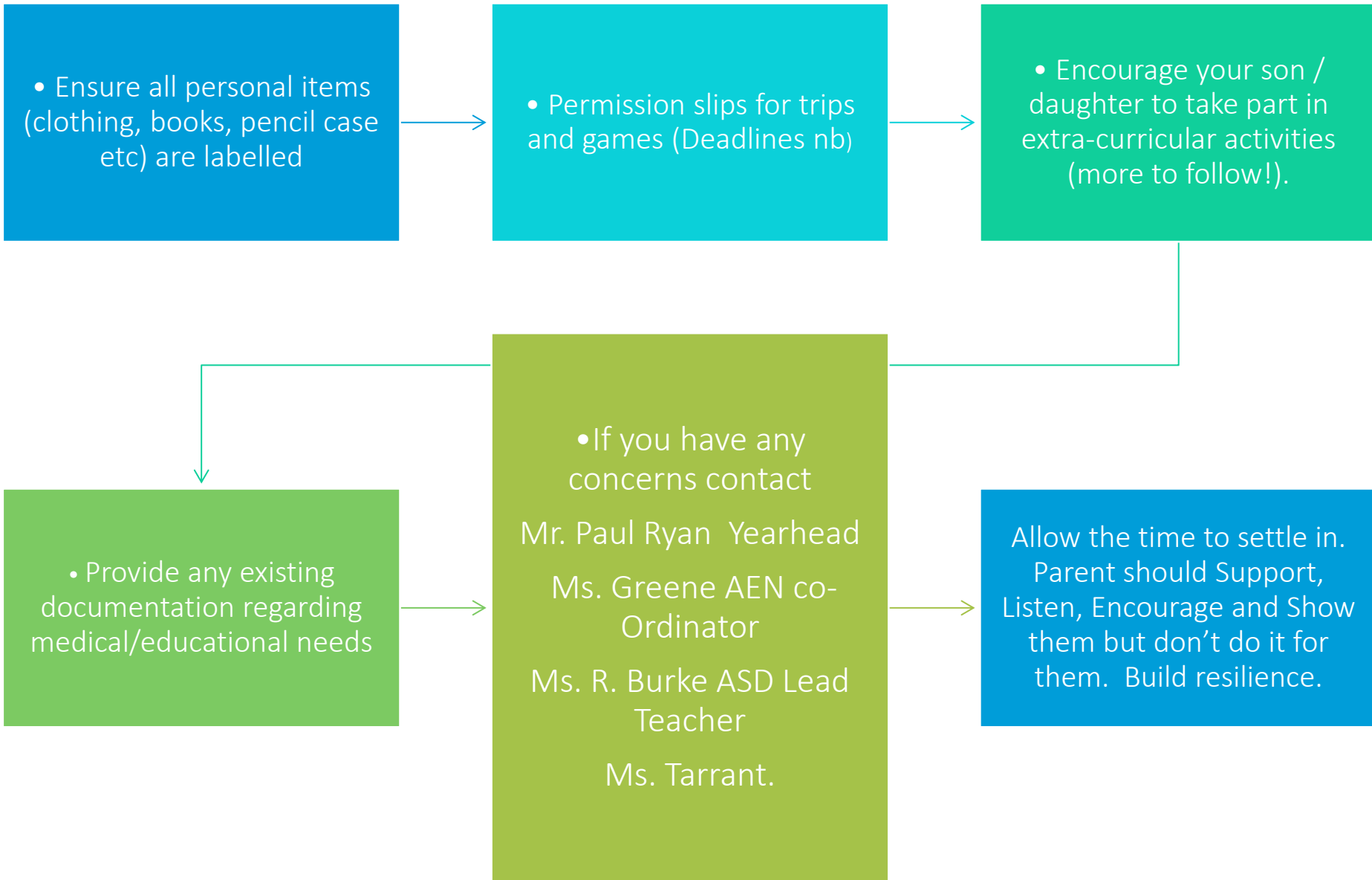
- Encourage your son / daughter to talk to teachers if in difficulty or confused.



- Address problems as soon as possible (regarding homework, friends, behaviour) and communicate with the school.



- Phone the Front Office if you need to get a message to your son / daughter



Cyber bullying - Social Media (Internet Safety Evening - Previous Feedback)

Keeping connected to your teen gets harder, they want independence and privacy. You want communication and to know they are safe. It is about monitoring, creating rules and boundaries and some compromise. You need to have the phone out of the bedroom for sleep...this is huge.

Its important to remember:

- Parental involvement and responsibility
- Parental access to child's social media accounts
- Keep phones and devices out of bedrooms at night.



First Year Time-Line

16th September First year Parent Information Night

23rd September – Internet Safety with Maureen Griffin

26th September – Oide Senior Cycle Day (Students not in school)

27th September – School closure

24th October – 26th October -School Musical 'Footloose'

Dress up – Halloween

5 weeks – Midterm break (28th October – 1st November)

Science week, diversity week, culture week, Seachtaine na Gaeilge

Spellwell (Literacy initiative)

First Year Time-Line

4th – 8th November Examinations (1 week duration – 1 hour exam)

Bonding Day at end of Exams

Christmas break (23rd Dec – 3rd Jan)

Bingo (Numeracy) day

27th February - Parent Teacher Meeting

April -Easter holidays – Manchester trip (2 days)

26th May – 30th May – Summer exams



KEY POINTS - High Expectations for this 1st yr group

'Learning together to achieve and succeed'

Start the year well

Attend every day

Engage positively with teachers

Complete homework

Be on time and prepared for class

=the keys to success.



6th years Trip last Friday.
Time will go very quickly

Tracking

6th Year Leaving Cert

Subject	Result	Grade
Irish	H1 (H)	H1
English	H1 (H)	H1
Mathematics	H2 (H)	H2
French	H1 (H)	H1
Chemistry	H1 (H)	H1
Biology	H1 (H)	H1
Home Economics	H1 (H)	H1
Average	93.6	
Total CAO points		613

EFFORT

5th year

Verbal SAS-5	97
Quantitative SAS-5	98
Non Verbal SAS-5	98
Spatial SAS-5	92

Mentors

- Thank you to our Mentors for all their organisational assistance and support
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Any Questions?

Vsware – 2 accounts linked (but not in different schools)

Levels

Mobile phone policy

Tracksuits

Jackets

Study supports – Exam revision ...differentiated learning

A sincere thank you for taking the time and effort to attend this meeting.
