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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to confirm arrangements for our welcoming of your daughter to Loreto Abbey in late August.

An Information Pack for parents of 1st Years is now available on the following link: [1st Year Information Pack](#). Included are the following documents:

- A. A list of key dates for the academic year.
- B. Letter regarding fees and a copy of our fee policy.
- C. A direct mandate form
- D. Our Uniform requirements: All items of uniform are available from Uniformity.
- E. An eBook List
- F. 1st Year iPad Purchase Information
- G. iPad BYOD Requirements.
- H. Wriggle Parent Pack
- I. Information on the Junior Cycle Programme.

An Induction for all First Years will take place on **Monday August 26th** from 08.55 – 12.30. During the morning, students will meet their Year Head, the student support staff and their 6th Year Caras. They will receive their Journals and timetables and will be informed of daily routines and procedures. The Sports staff will clarify arrangements for sports, timetables for which will be published on the website once numbers are confirmed. Students should wear their uniforms and should bring a pen. Books are not required. Lockers will be assigned and will be available for the storage of books. It is advisable to purchase a small lock with two keys, one of which can be put in a named enveloped and stored in our General Office should a key be mislaid. Alternatively, a combination lock may be used.

Parents/guardians are invited to join us for coffee on Monday August 26th from 08.30. This gathering provides an opportunity to meet with other parents and staff in a social setting. A reminder will be sent to you in August.

Each year is assigned a Year Head who is a member of our management team and takes particular responsibility for your daughter and will serve as a first point of contact for you with the school. I, as Principal, and Ms Breen, the Deputy Principal, may be contacted using the contact details outlined on the website.

A booklet with specific information relating to school organisation/communication will be available on the day of our return. In the meantime, the website – www.loretoabbeydalkey.com – is a very useful source of information on all aspects of school life.

On **Wednesday August 28th**, Ms Coyne, our Sport Co-ordinator, and her team will work with all First Years from 08.55 – 15.50. They will experience all the sports on offer during that day and the programme will allow them to mix and get to know their class groups. The school tracksuit may be worn for the day. I would advise not purchasing hockey/basketball gear until after this date.

Your daughter will have classes as per her timetable on **Thursday August 29th (08.55-15.50)**.

We will be offering music lessons in a variety of instruments before and after school. Your daughter will receive information for your attention on our return.

The transition from Primary to Secondary school can be smooth for some and difficult for others. An Information Seminar for parents of 1st Year students on "Managing the Transition from Primary to Secondary School" will take place on **Tuesday September 10th at 19.45** in the Lecture Theatre. You may find it helpful particularly if your daughter is your first to attend secondary school.

In conclusion, I wish your daughter every happiness and success as she joins our learning community and I look forward to meeting with you in August.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Dunne,
Principal