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Monday, 15th May, 2017.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**

A **Confirmation Practice** has been arranged for **this evening @ 8.30pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Clogher**.

Thank you to **Fr. McGahan** for celebrating the **Service of Light** with pupils in **Year Seven** on **Thursday**. Thank you also to **Mrs. Mullan** and our **School Choir** for their wonderful singing.

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, 20th May @ 11am** in St. Patrick's Church, Clogher.

Year Seven homework this week will consist of reading, spelling practice and Confirmation work. This will include Confirmation learning work. Please make sure that your child completes all his/her learning work. I will be testing pupils on Thursday. **Canon Maccartan McQuaid** will deliver a **Question and Answer** session at Confirmation and our pupils have always answered the questions exceptionally well.

Please find attached a timetable for **Transfer Day** in **St. Ciaran's College** on **Thursday, 25th May, 2017**. The important transport arrangements are as follows: Students come to St. Ciaran's on the school bus they will use in September. Buses have been arranged to collect pupils from St. Ciaran's College at approximately 1.45pm and they will be brought directly back to our school. Pupils are asked to bring their pencil case and to wear their full school uniform. Lunch and break time snack will be provided free of charge.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

Please find attached a separate letter.

You should receive your child's **Post-Primary Placement Letter** on **Saturday, 20th May**. If you do not receive your child's letter on Saturday, please contact EA staff on 028 82411460 or 028 82411547 between the hours of 3pm and 5pm on Saturday. Staff will be available to confirm placement details only.

Cycling Proficiency will commence for **Year Seven** pupils on **Tuesday, 23rd May**.

Mrs. McConnell will be delivering the programme.
Please see the dates and times below:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 23rd and 24th May: 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Wednesday and Thursday, 31st May and 1st June: 3.00pm to 5.00pm







Pupils and parents will be notified of any changes to times. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. Please make sure that your child brings his/her bicycle to school each day and that it is in proper working order. Pupils are asked to bring a helmet and a snack also. Bicycles can be stored in school overnight.

As part of the personal development of our P7 pupils we have organised, in partnership with McClintock Primary School, a workshop run by the **Love For Life** organisation. Pupils have been participating in this workshop on an annual basis for several years and the programme has proven to be very informative.

The date arranged is **Wednesday, 17th May** from 10am to 1pm.

The workshop will take place in Seskinore Hall. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch. There is no charge to parents.

The following sensitive issues are covered in a child-centred way:

-  Conception and Pregnancy
-  The Rollercoaster of Growing Up
-  Coping with Change
-  Peer Pressure and Healthy Relationships
-  Decision Making
-  Being Assertive

Being committed to promoting healthy and fulfilling lives for all our young people, our approach to relationship and personal safety education is firmly rooted in prevention, child protection and personal development. Topics covered form part of the Key Stage Two Personal Development & Mutual Understanding curriculum. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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A reminder that pupils in Year Seven can only be excused from swimming if they have a note from their parents. Some pupils are choosing to not participate. Please note that missed sessions cannot be refunded. Also, pupils are not allowed to purchase sweets whilst at swimming.

- Pupils are completing their **Annual Standardised Tests** during the month of **May**. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school during the month of May to minimise disruption to testing.
- **Sports Day** will take place on **Friday, 2nd June** (weather permitting) during school hours. If you have any questions regarding Sports Day, please contact Mr. Colton directly.
- Our **Annual Fun Night** will take place on **Friday, 2nd June** (weather permitting). Further details to follow shortly.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the morning of **Friday, 16th June**. Year 1/2: 9.20am – 10.00am. Year 3/4: 10.00am – 10.45am. Year 5/6/7: 10.45 – 11.45am.
- A **PTA Meeting** to plan for **Fun Night** has been arranged for **Tuesday, 23rd May @ 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.
- Pupils in **Year 6** have been invited to the **Fermanagh And Omagh Primary Schools Outdoor Football Championships 2017** on **Wednesday, 17th May in Irvinestown**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by Mr. Colton. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch and sufficient drinks, to wear footwear appropriate for 3G and to wear shin guards. Please complete the permission slip below and return it to school tomorrow.
- Our **School Epilepsy Nurse, Maura Mackie** will be coming in on Friday to give a presentation to all pupils on **Epilepsy**. We look forward to learning a lot from her.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in the **Cycling Proficiency Programme** from **Tuesday, 23rd May to Thursday, 1st June** after school from **3.00pm to 5.00pm.**

Signed:

Date:

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus on **Wednesday, 17th May** to participate in a **Love For Life** workshop in Seskinore Hall.

Signed:

Date:

Year 6 Permission Slip

I do/do not allow my child _____ to participate in the **Fermanagh And Omagh Primary Schools Outdoor Football Championships** in **Irvinestown** on **Wednesday, 17th May**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: