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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and have been able to spend quality time with your families, creating many happy memories together.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September** and beginning another exciting year of learning. Please remember that children in **Nursery and Reception** will have a staggered start to the autumn term, and families will already have received information about these arrangements.

A Positive Start to the New School Year

During the first three days of term, we will focus on ensuring that all children make a positive start to the academic year. Staff will spend time revisiting and reinforcing our high expectations for learning, behaviour and conduct across the school.

This will include:

- Reviewing our school mission and values.
- Revisiting our school rules and expectations.
- Discussing the school's Acceptable Use Policy for technology.
- Exploring our Home-School Agreement.
- Establishing excellent learning habits and behaviour for success.

As part of this process, I have attached copies of the **Home-School Agreement** and **Acceptable Use Policy** for your information and support.

Medical and Allergy Information

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils remain our highest priority. We work hard to support children with allergies and medical needs and ask that you help us by informing the school office of any changes to your child's medical information, allergies or healthcare requirements that may have arisen during the summer holidays.

We also continue to aim to be a **nut-free school environment**. If your child brings a packed lunch, please avoid including:

- Whole nuts.
- Cereal bars containing whole nuts.
- Other products that contain visible whole nuts.

To further support pupil safety, please ensure that any fruit or vegetables provided in packed lunches are cut appropriately. Guidance recommends cutting foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar items **lengthways rather than into circular slices** to help reduce the risk of choking.

Breakfast Club and After-School Club

St Patrick's is very proud of the wraparound care we provide for families through our Breakfast Club and After-School Club.

Our provision offers excellent value:

- **Breakfast Club:** £3 per session
- **After-School Club:** £4 per session

If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office.

Families eligible for **Pupil Premium** funding may be entitled to access this provision free of charge. Please contact us if you would like further information.

New School Website

I am delighted to share that our **new school website** will be launching this Friday:

<http://stpatrikscatholic.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

The website will provide an excellent source of information about school life, key dates, curriculum information and the many wonderful activities taking place at St Patrick's. Alongside our regular newsletters, class pages will help you keep up to date with what your child is learning throughout the year.

PTA Events and Uniform Sale

During the first week of term, we will be holding a **uniform sale** and selling **ice pops after school** to support our PTA.

Our PTA works tirelessly to enhance the experiences of our pupils and has already begun planning an exciting programme of events for the year ahead, including:

- School discos
- Scavenger hunts
- Christmas celebrations
- Competitions and fundraising activities

We are extremely grateful for their continued support and encouragement.

Looking Ahead

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that every child is happy, safe and successful at St Patrick's.

On behalf of the staff, governors and our Acting Deputy Headteacher, **Holly Griffiths**, thank you for your continued support. We are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to a fantastic year together.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Hawes

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Headteacher

