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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope and trust that you have had a good summer and that you and your family had time to refresh the batteries after what had been a most unusual last 15 months.

I have now started as Head Teacher at Portree High School and my priority is to continue to support the great work of both the staff and students as we get back to some sort of normality, ensuring our students strive to achieve their best whether in academic studies, extra-curricular activities or within the community.

I look forward to working with the students and parents and this session we are hoping to run a Welcome Meeting for S1/2 parents (once regulations allow) in order to give you the opportunity to have a tour of the school, experience the canteen and visit some of the departments.

Please remember that you can get in touch with the school through e-mail and telephone if you have any concerns.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Fiona MacNab has been appointed as Acting Depute Head Teacher and we are hoping to announce an acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for Glamaig House in the next week or so.

G House pupils and parents should continue to contact Ms MacNab in the first instance if they have any pastoral concerns.

We also welcome new members of staff, Ms Paula Fay, Teacher of Science/Chemistry and Ms Laura Conneely, Teacher of Music to the school.

The school photographer is coming to the school again on Thursday 2nd September. Individual photographs for S1, S3 and S6 will be taken; sibling group photographs will also be taken on that date.

School attendance is vital to ensure that students are successful in their learning. I would request that parents or carers please telephone or email the school in the morning of an absence if their child is unable to attend for any reason; we have a text delivery system in place, which will alert parents/carers if their child is absent from school and we have not been notified.

We will be issuing Data Collection update forms, which need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Parents/carers are encouraged to apply for assistance with school meals and clothing if they are eligible. The allowance goes directly onto your child's canteen account and is anonymous. Please note that if you were in receipt of this allowance previously, you will need to reapply each year. Our Pupil Equity Funding is determined by the levels of free school meals provided, which specifically supports our Numeracy and Literacy Support Programmes.

Finally, I would like to invite all parents to join in with our Parent Council. The first meeting this session is on Thursday 9th September at 7:00pm using Google Meets (please use link to join: <https://meet.google.com/mhv-qybg-eid>).

We have a very active Parent Council, the main aim of which is to improve communication between parents/carers and the school and to support the school by fundraising. Please get involved!

Yours sincerely,

Tony Breen, Head Teacher

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