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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope our entire Edmund Rice College community has had a restful Summer break after a very challenging year. Despite the difficulties faced last year as a result of COVID19, our school enjoyed numerous highlights such as being awarded the 'Spirit of Catholic Education Award' with Distinction, becoming the first school in Belfast and Newtownabbey to be recognised as a 'Take 5' school due to our commitment to mental health and wellbeing and winning the Silver Pearson National Teaching Award for Learner and Community Support. However, getting our whole school community back through the doors of ERC to a safe, learning environment and the togetherness shown by everyone was undoubtedly the main highlight. Let's hope for more of a normal year next year!

I am looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to Edmund Rice College for the new academic year. We are awaiting renewed guidance from the Department of Education in terms of how the new school day will look. I will update you via email once this has been received.

In the meantime, please find enclosed the return to school dates for each year group. All year groups will have an induction day(s). Pupils **will only attend** for their induction on the dates specified below. Our first full day for all pupils will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the only uniform suppliers for Edmund Rice College are The Sports Company, Belfast and The Jeanery, Glengormley. Our PE kit can be purchased from O'Neill's and online.

We look forward to seeing all our students again, refreshed and ready for another productive year.

Year Group	Induction Day(s)
8	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August: 9am-12pm (School buses will not run on this day)  Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September: 9am-3pm  Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September: 9am- 3pm
9	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September: 9am-3pm
10	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September: 9am-3pm
11	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September: 9am-3pm
12	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September: 9am-3pm
13	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August: 9:30am-11am (School buses will not run on this day)
14	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August: 11:30-1pm (School buses will not run on this day)

Yours faithfully



P Berne

Principal