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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope our entire Edmund Rice College community are enjoying a restful Summer break after a very successful 2021/2022 school year. Despite the challenges that still existed due to COVID19, we enjoyed numerous highlights such as our success in Gaelic Football with our Year 12's being crowned Ulster Champions. We launched our Parent App which has improved the way we communicate with our families. In September, there will be 150 Year 8 pupils joining our school; our highest ever intake, highlighting the confidence that the community has in Edmund Rice College. Furthermore, we were also named as one of a number of schools who will be getting a multi-million pound newly built school. Exciting times ahead!

I am looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to Edmund Rice College for the new academic year. There are a number of changes documented below that you need to be aware of as we aim to return to normal life in ERC.

Please also 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. Please be aware of the information in the table regarding bus and canteen services. Our first full day for all pupils will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Full school bus and canteen services will resume on this day.

### **Year 8 Pupils**

Our new Year 8 pupils will begin their journey in ERC on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 for their first induction day from 9am-12pm. On this day, we will hold a celebratory Mass at 9:15am, where we mark this special occasion, together with our families and staff. Due to capacity issues in the assembly hall, one parent may attend this Mass with their child if they wish to do so. It is a lovely and fitting way for our pupils to begin the next chapter in their lives and we look forward to welcoming all our new pupils to our school. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for those all-important photographs to be taken on arrival.

### **New Start Times**

All pupils are expected in school for **8:45am**. Breakfast Club will run as normal. Last year, we facilitated staggered starts until 9:15am. This year, we are returning to normal times and all pupils should be in school for registration with their form teacher for no later than 8:50am. All classes start at 9:05am. It is essential that pupils are in school on time to maximise teaching and learning time.

### The School Day

Arrival and Registration	8:50	-	9:05
Period 1	9:05	-	9:55
Period 2	9:55	-	10:45
BREAK	10:45	-	11:00
Period 3	11:00	-	11:50
Period 4	11:50	-	12:40
LUNCH	12:40	-	1:15
Period 6	1:15	-	2:05
Period 7	2:05	-	2:55
Deregistration and buses	2:55	-	3:15

### Uniform

Pupils must wear their full school uniform every day. On the days that they have PE, they will use the changing rooms to get changed. Pupils should not arrive in school wearing their PE kit, unless it is underneath their uniform. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the only uniform suppliers for Edmund Rice College are The Sports Company, Antrim Road and The Jeanery, Glengormley. Our PE kit can be purchased from O'Neill's and online. Our Uniform policy is attached.

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

Yours faithfully



P Berne

Principal

### INDUCTION DAYS

Year Group	Induction Day(s)
8	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August: 9am-12pm Induction begins with our Year 8 Mass in school at 9:15am. One parent may attend with their child. (School buses will not run on this day)  Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September: 9am-3pm (School buses will be available. Canteen service is unavailable so pupils should bring a packed lunch)
9	Thursday 1st September: 9am-12pm (School buses will not be available in the afternoon)
10	Thursday 1st September: 9am-12pm (School buses will not be available in the afternoon)
11	Friday 2nd September: 9am-12pm (School buses will not be available in the afternoon)
12	Friday 2nd September: 9am-12pm (School buses will not be available in the afternoon)
13	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August: 9:30am-11am (School buses will not run on this day)
14	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August: 11:30-1pm (School buses will not run on this day)