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Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school. It was so lovely seeing our school community on Wednesday 26th August and everyone looked so happy. All the children were fantastic at adhering to our new measures and practices. The children were so happy to see all their friends and just get back to school life.

I would like to welcome the new children who have joined St. Saviour's N.S.

Junior Infants: Lilliana, Liam, Jesse ,Ailbhe, Krystian, Carter, Arthur, Jake, David, Tom, Zinnia, Tatum, Catriona, Willow & Kaeden

In other classes we welcomed : Louis (Senior Infants), Fae (2nd), Katarina (2nd), Alex (5th) & Charlotte (Goor) (5th).

We are delighted you are all joining us in St. Saviour's N.S. and look forward to many years of joy & learning together.

We would like to also welcome back Claudia who was on maternity leave with baby Theo. We would like to again welcome back Mrs Byrne who was also on maternity leave with baby Max – Mrs Byrne returned to us during our distance teaching period but it is great to see her in person now. We would also like to welcome Ms Tully who is job sharing with Mrs Byrne. They are both supporting the 3rd-6th classes for AEN (additional educational needs).

The return to school has been a different one this year as we cope with putting in place measures to protect our students, staff and parents. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation and support in putting everything in place. It is so wonderful to have reached this point that we are back in school and every day we are finding new ways of doing things in this new learning environment.

Our message is still the same as last year : Grow, Connect and Belong. Even though the world has changed since we first delivered this message last year – these messages still apply.

Grow

- St. Saviour's N.S. is a place to grow, to connect and to belong. We aim to instill in every student a sense of confidence, a yearning for knowledge and a love of learning that extends beyond their years in St. Saviour's N.S.
- On a daily basis the children will be asked to question, to explore, to discover and to reflect on their learning. Our teachers will inspire children to become critical thinkers and drivers of their own learning.

Connect

- Communication is a key part of the success of our teacher/parent partnership.
 - Homework Meetings/Parent Teacher Meetings – using zoom, telephone/face to face
 - See Saw/Newsletters/Text a Parent
 - Homework-allows parents to share in their child's learning
 - Web Site – keeping in contact with updates on our web site
 - Trust is also a key part of our communication process. If you are worried or have a suggestion about anything please get in contact with your class teacher or myself.

Belong

- Being part of our school community.
 - Parents connecting together through phone groups etc.
 - Taking part in gardening days – adhering to social distancing guidelines
 - Engaging with teachers through zoom, phone, face to face, See Saw
 - We want all children to know they are an important part of the St. Saviour's family and to encourage full participation in school life.

Reminders

The following are a few reminders with regards to school practices:

- Please familiarize yourself with our back to school guidelines to make sure you are familiar with the protocols and measures that we have put in place for the safety and well-being of everyone.
- Social Distancing: Please remember to use the smiley face spots to allow social distancing while children are waiting to enter the school in the mornings and while waiting to pick up children. In addition, we have introduced arrows leading to and from the front door-please follow these arrows to ensure everyone's safety. If you feel safer wearing a face covering while you are on school grounds – please feel free to do so.
- Attached is the job sharing document that we sent out in May. The job sharing arrangement affects the children in 3rd-6th classes. In summary – Mrs Byrne will be supporting those classes on Mon & Tues and Ms Tully will be supporting those classes on Thurs & Fri and they rotate every Wednesday. The document outlines the plan on how the arrangement will work for the children. Ms Tully has also included a greeting message for all the students & parents.
- Please try to not transfer fears that you may be having about our return to school to the children. The children are happy to be back and are happy to follow any new protocols – to them it is just part of being in school.
- Please sign up for the class See Saw accounts that your teachers have sent you. This is a key way to keep in contact with activities that your child is partaking in.
- Please use the link that you received on the Way2Pay system to purchase your child's Allianz insurance. Details of this are attached on the email.
- Please return information sheet which was sent home last week by Thursday 3rd September
- If your child is arriving late or leaving early please ring the school office to confirm this. There is no late/early book, this will be recorded on Aladdin.
- We have attached the holiday calendar.
- If you wish to contact any of the teachers directly pls contact them on the following new email addresses: (If you have the previous email address – it will still work)

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Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions/queries/concerns please don't hesitate in contacting me for information- adoylestsaviours@gmail.com or adoyle@stsavioursns.com. It is so important to all our staff that all our parents feel happy and secure with their children being back at school.

Wishing you a lovely week

Best Wishes

Antoinette Doyle