Scoil Náisiúnta Bhantiarna Lourdes

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school will again facilitate parents who wish to avail of the **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance** from Allianz this year. The cost is \in 6 for all school activities or \in 9 for 24 hour cover. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school before Friday 20th September if you wish to avail of it. There is more information about the scheme on our school's website.

We have moved our lunch break back by five minutes. So it is now officially from 12.20pm to 12.50pm although the bell is sounded at 12.15 so children will have 15 minutes to eat. Moving the lunch break by five minutes gives us five minutes more for Maths each day. This may not seem much but we are determined to maintain the great progress we have achieved in recent years in Maths e.g. 26% of last year's sixth class Maths pupils were in the top 2% in Ireland.

Our school's <u>Virtual Learning Environment</u> (VLE) is now up and running and we encourage the middle and senior pupils to try the weekly Maths Challenges and the other projects which will come online shortly. The rest of the school will be able to access the VLE over the coming weeks. Outside of school support for reading is again given through <u>Reading Eggs</u> and support for Maths will be given through <u>MangaHigh Maths</u>.

Our Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November after school. A timetable will be given to all parents after the Hallowe'en break.

The **school photographer** visits the school on **Monday 7th October** but don't feel under any obligation to use the service. More information will be given to all families closer to the time.

Our **Gaeilge Club** begins next week on Tuesday 17th September and I wish to thank the teachers who have volunteered to run the club after school. It is an opportunity for pupils to use their Gaeilge in a relaxed and fun environment. **Chess Club** begins again on Friday 27th September and **Rackard League football** continues after school on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. When Rackard League football is over the **Scratch Computer Club** will begin again. French classes will start later in the year.

Our school library will open again next week and we sincerely thank the volunteers who run it. The library has a wonderful selection of books so we encourage all our pupils to get reading again after the long dry summer break.

Sincerely,

(Principal)

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