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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Donabate Community College, I am looking forward to working with you and your child as they begin their journey in our school. I hope this addresses some of the questions you may have at this stage.

Our School Website:

Our school website as you can see is your go to for general and official information e.g. go to the Everyday Documents page where you will find guides for the use of VSware, Absence Requests and MIT (payment system).

VSware: Our school management information system.

Web address for VSware

<https://donabatecc.app.vsware.ie/>

VSware is also available as an app and we would recommend using the app version of the platform.

You will receive a text with your VSware Username in the coming days. You must create your own personal password to access your parent/guardian dashboard. If you are a current parent of a student in our school, we will link each of your children to the one dashboard. If we have missed a link, please do not hesitate to let us know.

We intend to use the VSware platform to process the choosing of your son/daughters option subjects and modern foreign language. It is very important that you have access to the Parent/Guardian dashboard on VSWare.

Entrance Assessment:

The Entrance assessment or CAT4 assessment is not an exam. The CAT 4 assesses areas of strength and challenges for a student. No preparation can be carried out in advance. We want to reassure our incoming students that the assessment in no way determines the class your child will be assigned to.

Subject Choice:

No date has yet been set for choosing the option subjects. You will receive information on this nearer to the time. In the meantime, we encourage you to access the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment website (NCCA) to explore the framework for the Junior Certificate alongside subject syllabi, in addition the "Teaching and Learning" tab on our school website provides subject information.

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/>

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iPads:

Wriggle is the company through which the iPads are purchased.

Wriggle in previous years have provided online tutorial sessions for parents and students in advance of the new school year.

DDLETB and Wriggle will host a webinar for parents of incoming first years to our school on March 25th and repeat it on March 27th 2025 from 7-8pm. The aim of the presentation will be to help parents understand the rationale for the 1-1 device and communicate procedures and Wriggle's set up steps.

Parents/staff can register at the link below for the Tuesday session.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/05eca02b-9c3a-46aa-b422-bb9bdb4f99d1@3ed6c8f5-4c16-44ad-9eed-60f851834a84>

Parents/staff can register for the Thursday session at the link below.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/048adc3b-505b-4c71-b0b0-7c995c8d2ca6@3ed6c8f5-4c16-44ad-9eed-60f851834a84>

Details on how to purchase iPads and will be published to you in the near future.

We will also provide information one ebooks in the near future.

Microsoft Platform:

As a DDLETB school we use the Microsoft platform for our teaching and learning and day to day business. Each student on entry to school in August will receive their school email address and password.

I will be back in touch in the near future with information regarding uniform, booklists, class materials and our MIT payments system, should you have any query in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@donabatecc.ie stating in the subject line who the question is for i.e. Year Head, AEN Coordinator, Senior Management.

Our aim is to balance the importance of education with the importance of your child feeling happy and comfortable in school, underpinned by fostering resilience and independent thinking. We are looking forward to working with you to this end.

Yours sincerely,

Mr John Doyle

Principal