



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last few days, we appreciate that many of you are feeling very anxious about your child in school and how school deals with incidents. As a school, we want to reassure you that we are very conscious of our responsibility in ensuring all students are safe and they feel comfortable in an environment which is supportive and respectful.

During this term, we have had an emphasis on respect, this was highlighted during anti-bullying week. The purpose of such an initiative is to shine a torchlight on an issue and to heighten awareness. Another initiative which we have introduced is our 6th form students (yr. 12/13) acting as 'mentors' and being assigned to year 7 form groups. Although these measures are good, they are only a foundation on which to build. To this end we would like to share with you, a few plans that we have in place for next term.

1. A parent handbook and student handbook will be published, stating the behaviour policies of the school and expectations.
2. Parental workshops will be introduced monthly.
3. We will introduce Heads of Year to ensure that the follow up we do on students and their issues will be dealt with faster and in a more thorough manner.
4. More Curriculum time will be given to 'Character Development'.
5. Emotional Intelligence workshops for all staff both teaching and non-teaching.
6. A new Boarding Policy will be shared.
7. A campaign titled, 'See it! Say it!' will be launched.

As we have said many times, the Home- School partnership is a crucial one and we do ask parents to do their part as 'the first teachers' of our students. We also ask that if any of you have an issues or concerns regarding your child in school, please tell us.

We thank you once again for partnering with us as we work together to ensure our children have an excellent learning experience, as they prepare for life after school and to do all we can to guarantee that each of them will have a 'greater tomorrow'

Warm regards,

*Kevin Donnelly*