Our Lady and St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6 at Our Lady and St Brendan's Catholic Primary School!

The teaching staff for this important year will be Mr Spillane, Mrs Midwood, and Miss Garnett, with Miss Asia supporting the class at certain times. Your child is now entering their final year of primary education, and this year is all about preparing them academically, emotionally, physically, and socially for the exciting transition to high school.

Throughout the year, newsletters, the school website, correspondence, and staff at the door will provide you with essential information and resources to support your child's journey. Please check in regularly for updates, as we will share important announcements, key dates, and helpful materials to ensure a successful and smooth transition to secondary school.

As Year 6 pupils, your child will be expected to set an example for the younger children, embodying the values of our school and taking on leadership roles in various aspects of school life. With this comes higher expectations for their conduct, responsibility, and work ethic.

We understand that Year 6 can be a challenging year, with increasing expectations academically and behaviourally. Impeccable behaviour is paramount to ensure all children receive the high-quality education they deserve. Disruptions to learning will not be tolerated, as we are committed to maintaining an environment where every child can thrive. We ask for your trust and support in reinforcing these high standards at home so that we can work together to give your child the best possible preparation for their future.

Please encourage your child to organise themselves each day. With your support, we expect them to bring the necessary equipment, wear their uniform with pride, and enter school each morning ready to achieve their best.

If you need to speak to an adult in the class about your child, please telephone or email the school office to arrange a convenient appointment. For urgent messages, the school office will ensure that your communication reaches us promptly.

Homework is set weekly and will include tasks that both consolidate previously taught content and challenge your child at the expected level for Year 6. We support learning both through traditional paper methods and through LearnByQuestions (which your child began in Year 5). This ensures revision is

targeted to your child's needs, requiring minimal intervention from parents or carers. Research shows that regular homework in primary school supports academic development and helps build the skills needed for secondary education. We reward children who complete their homework to motivate them and instil a sense of responsibility for their learning.

Spellings are practised regularly and will mirror the format of SATs tests. These spelling assessments take place every Tuesday and help us monitor each child's progress throughout the year. We also make use of Spelling Shed, which allows children to practise and reinforce their spellings in an engaging and interactive way both at home and in school.

To enrich our curriculum, we plan a variety of trips and invite visitors to enhance your child's cultural capital. The Y6 Residential will take place earlier this year to ensure that children are able to cement relationships, take part in exciting activities, and build confidence as a group. By scheduling this earlier, we also free up the opportunity for an additional trip later in the year.

We look forward to collaborating with you to make this a successful, enjoyable, and memorable year for your child. Together, we can support their future and ensure they achieve their best in preparation for the next stage of their education.

Many thanks,

Chris Spillane
Deputy Headteacher