



Executive Principal: Mrs B Rogers CBE

4th July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been another very successful school year, standards of behaviour have been consistently high and all pupils have had the opportunity to thrive because of a school climate which is calm, orderly and underpinned by our Catholic values. We are proud of our pupils; they are nurtured to become happy, resourceful and compassionate individuals.

We continue to be one of the highest performing schools in the country. I am confident that our 2017 school leavers will be successful and be a credit to their families and this school. They have been a joy and we wish them well as they move onto the next stage of their education.

A number of staff are leaving at the end of this academic year, moving on to new posts and new adventures. I would like to thank them for their service and wish them well for the future, in particular this school is indebted to those teachers who are retiring this year; they leave a legacy of excellence. We wish them many happy years of retirement.

I would like to bring to your attention important information on the school website, intended to support parents as they book next year's holidays and replace uniform over the summer.

- The holiday schedule for 2017/18 and the following year.
<http://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Because attendance has a huge impact on educational performance, other than in very special circumstances holidays in term time will not be authorised. Not surprisingly attendance at St Patrick's is outstanding and figures place us in the top 3% of schools nationally. Well done everyone!

- A uniform list and additional information.
<http://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Please note that both a St. Patrick's school jumper and a blazer are needed during the winter; these are not optional items. We will continue to work with those parents who need additional support with uniform.

Arrangements for Wednesday 19th July 2017

School meals will be available as usual and pupils will then be dismissed at 1pm. Some school buses may not be available on the last day, so please make provision for your child to return home safely.

Tuesday 5th September 2017

All pupils return to school at the normal time of 8.25am.

Our House system ensures a high standard of care, guidance and support for each girl and boy. On the first day, Year 7 pupils will be cared for and supported by the older pupils as well as a Form Tutor who will closely monitor progress and liaise with parents throughout the year.

This is an exciting time for the school; a real strength is the recruitment and retention of well qualified and committed school leaders, teachers and support staff. The school is steeped in a tradition of high standards and many staff members have been with the school for a long time bringing and building on an ethos of high expectations. The appointment of Mrs Alison Byrne as Headteacher and Mr Patrick Murden as Executive Principal, along with a number of new and enthusiastic teachers (some into senior positions) will create an ideal balance of experience and youth, bringing both stability and an opportunity for innovation and development.

As I reflect on my 12 years as the school's Headteacher I feel immensely honoured to have worked with you and proud of what we have achieved together. It has been a privilege to work with so many wonderful governors, teachers, support staff, pupils and parents. John Adams famously said, "*a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops*". I give thanks to God for the gift of a career that has brought me so many joys and a great sense of purpose. Thank you for your support, kindness and good wishes.

I wish all staff, pupils and their families an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday to return refreshed in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B Rogers". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Rogers".

Executive Headteacher