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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As Ms. Caslin outlined in a previous letter to families in June, in the coming year 5th and 6th Class pupils will be taught by two class teachers, Ms. Ciara Devane and Ms. Avril Carr as part of a Job Share teaching arrangement.

This will mean that both Ms. Devane and Ms. Carr will both work with the class every week, alternating between two and three days in the classroom itself.

The following outlines the way in which this will operate over the initial weeks following reopening:

	Monday-Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday-Friday
Week 1	Ms. Devane	Ms. Devane	Ms. Carr
Week 2	Ms. Devane	Ms. Carr	Ms. Carr
Week 3	Ms. Devane	Ms. Devane	Ms. Carr
Week 4	Ms. Devane	Ms. Carr	Ms. Carr

Job sharing arrangements have become increasingly common in many schools throughout the country and offer great benefits and opportunities to pupils within these classes. Each teacher can use their own expertise in different subjects to maximise the benefit to the pupils in these areas while allowing pupils to experience an increasing range of teaching styles and approaches. It also helps pupils to experience working with a different teacher on a regular and structured basis, something which will also be of benefit as they move forward to secondary level.

There will be regular and ongoing communication between both teachers in order to ensure continuity of learning and continued support for all pupils. Ms. Joan Smyth, our SNA, will also be present in the classroom in order to support pupils with the transition between teachers and to help share and reinforce relevant information.

We are confident that this will be a new experience which pupils will hopefully find invigorating and engaging. Both teachers will be available to contact via email, by leaving a message in the school office or through notes in pupil's homework diaries and we would encourage you to do so should any concerns or issues arise. Similarly, if you or your children have any other questions or queries about this or any other details of the teaching arrangement before then, feel free to get in touch also.

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Derek Gannon (Acting Principal)