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Dear Parents,

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to everybody after the summer break. A very special welcome to the seventeen new pupils who have started in the school this year. I wish them many happy years of learning, friendship and fun with us in Geashill NS.

Welcome also to our new staff members Amy Carthy and Aimee Owens. I know they will enjoy their time working with the wonderful pupils here in Geashill.

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**Contact Details & Class Dojo**

Please ensure the school has the up to date contact numbers of parents/guardians/child minders so easy contact can be made in the event of a child becoming unwell in school and for text-a-parent purposes.

Also, if anyone is having trouble accessing their Class Dojo account please let the class teacher know and they will make every effort to get things working properly. Class Dojo is the easiest way to communicate between home and school and vice versa so please make sure you are connected to your child's class and acquaint yourself with the different features of the app.

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**Pupil 24 Hour Insurance & School Fees**

Thanks to everyone who has paid the €8 for the pupil insurance and the €10 fee towards art and photocopying costs. The insurance is a 24hr cover for your children which covers accidents in the school or at home. The first €100 of any claim, an A&E charge for example, will be covered. Claim forms will be available from the office. Payment can be made at this link:

<https://www.geashillns.ie/online-payments/>

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## **Healthy Lunches & The Lunch Bag**

As usual, our Healthy Eating Days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On these days we ask you and your children to pack healthy options for the lunch breaks. We would hope to see food such as crisps and chocolate kept as part of a small treat on Fridays. Fizzy drinks should not come to school any day. Some advice on healthy lunches can be found here: [Healthy Lunch Advice](#)



A reminder that if you wish to use this school lunch provider, download The Lunch Bag app and follow the instructions. You can order every day or just once a week, whatever works best for you. More information can be found at [www.thelunchbag.ie](http://www.thelunchbag.ie).

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## **Punctuality & Attendance**

A reminder that school begins at 9.10am and I encourage everyone to be in school on time every day. Children will be supervised from 9am each morning.

We encourage good attendance in school as it plays an important part in the overall successful outcome for your child. If your child is absent you must let the teacher know the reason for the absence using one of the following headings: illness, urgent family reason or holiday. If the absence is for another reason please give a short explanatory note to the teacher. I have asked all teachers to ensure every absence is explained by a note. All communication about absences can be done using Class Dojo.

Please note that if your child is absent for 20 days or more the school has to report this information to the Child and Family Agency's educational welfare services. More information on this agency can be found here: [Attendance Support and Information](#)

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## **Uniform**

Everyone has looked very well in their uniforms this month. We encourage the children to take care of their uniforms and to wear them correctly each day. Please write your child's name on the tag of the jumper to avoid getting them mixed up with others. A reminder that tracksuits should be plain navy with no stripes.

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## **Homework**

Homework will be starting for all classes next week. Teachers will be in touch with you through Class Dojo about this. Homework is a good way for you to see how your children are progressing in school and how they work independently. If it begins to cause a stress or a strain at home please get in touch with the class teacher.

## School Calendar 2023/24

School Opening	Wednesday August 30th
Hallowe'en Mid Term	Oct 30th-November 3rd
Christmas	School closes on Friday 22nd December & reopens Monday January 8th
St. Brigid's Day Public Holiday	Monday 5th February
Mid Term Break	Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 18th March
Easter	School closes Friday 22nd March & reopens Mon 8th April
May Bank Holiday	Mon 6th May
June Bank Holiday	Mon 3rd June
Summer Holidays	School closes on Friday 21st June

There will be one full day closure this school year to facilitate teacher training in the new Maths curriculum which will be implemented in schools next September. Once I know the date I will let you know.

Please read this [Information Leaflet for Parents on the New Maths Curriculum](#).

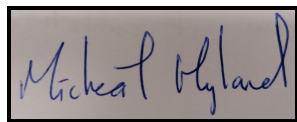
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### Keeping in Touch

Updates on school activities are posted regularly on our website [www.geashillns.ie](http://www.geashillns.ie) and on Twitter @GeashillNS and of course on Class Dojo. There are some links in the Downloads section of our website that you might find useful on subjects such as [internet safety](#), [headlice](#), [health & wellbeing](#), [returning to school after being sick](#) and [curriculum reform](#).

As always if you have any concerns about your child's school life please feel free to contact me to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Micheál Hyland