



Welcome 1st Year 2021

Question and Answer session

Any questions relating **specifically to your child** will not be addressed in this session. We will redirect your question to the relevant party and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

This webinar will be sent out to you, as will the presentation slides.



Senior Management Team

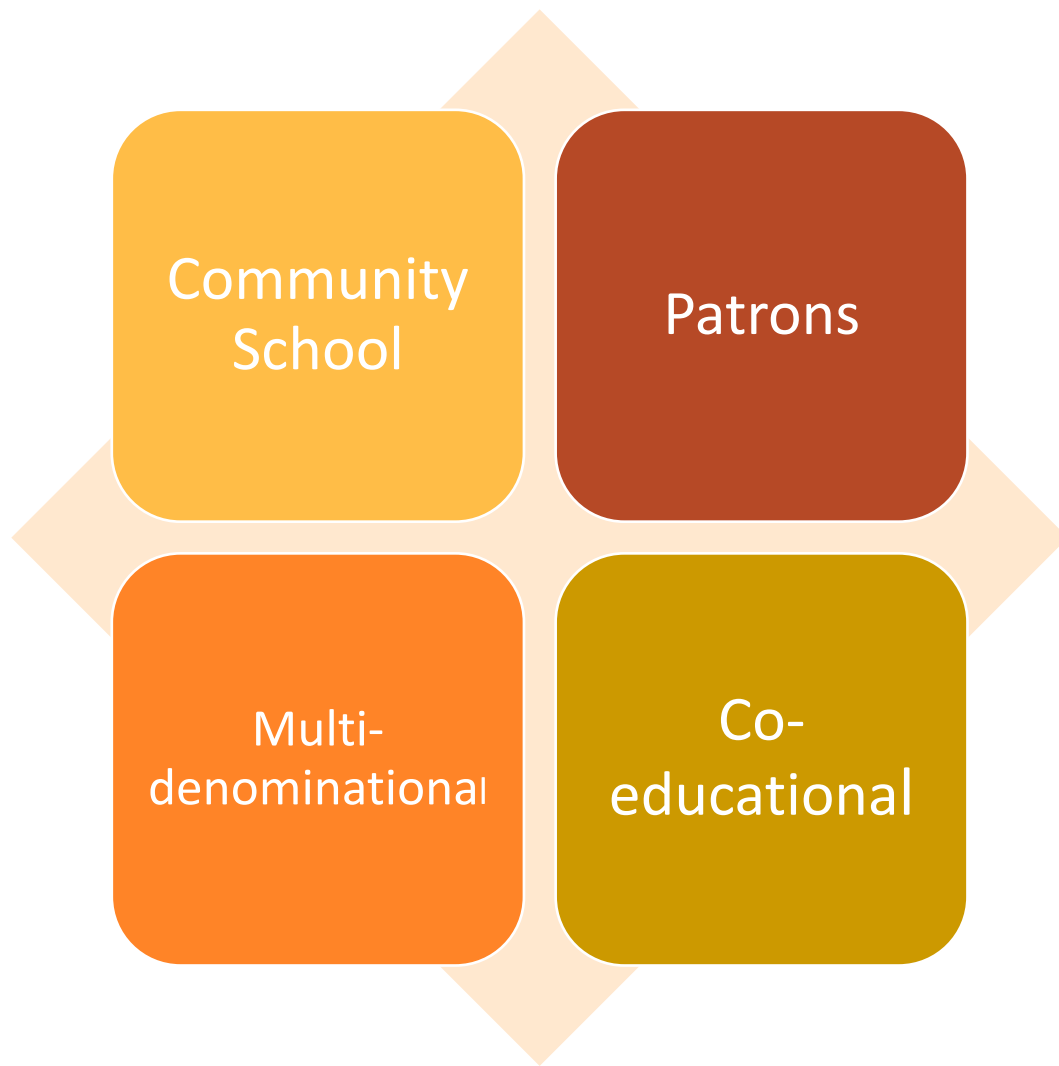
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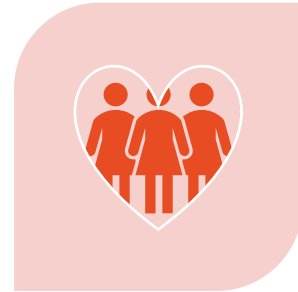
Our Core Values



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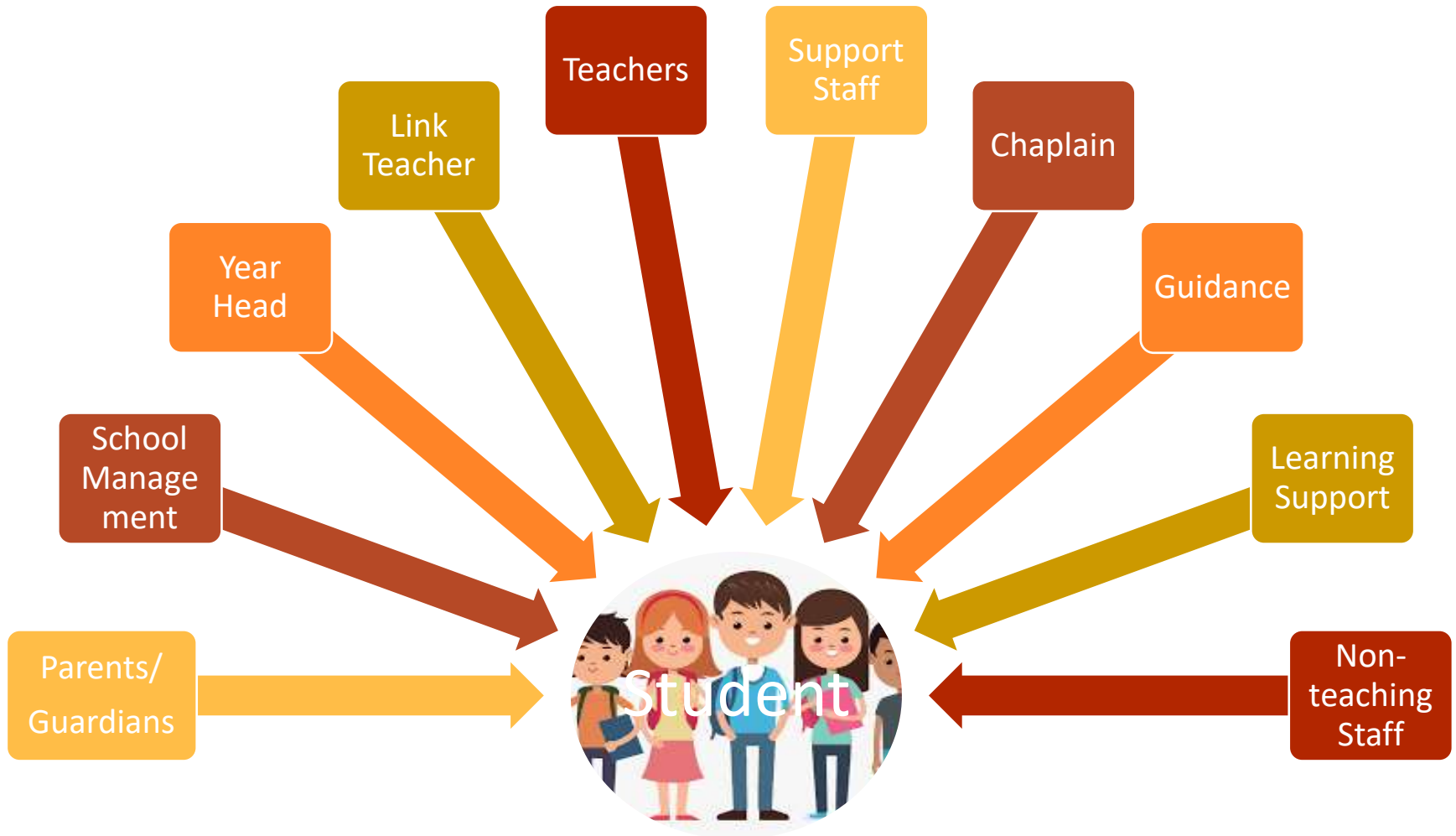
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The Team who will work with your child



Your MIP: The Year Head – Mr. Pat Seaver

For students:

- He gets to know them – very well!!
- He guides them through the transition.
- He motivates, leads and monitors progress.
- He is there to listen and talk.

For you:

- The Year Head is your main point of contact.
- He deals with reports, option forms etc.
- He is the link with teachers, students, dealing with any issues that may arise.
- He also teaches.....so is not always immediately available.



We want your child to feel welcome from Day 1!

- **Induction Days – Thurs 26th Aug and Mon 29th**
- Fun and Teambuilding activities
- Check & Connect with all incoming 1st year students
- Mentor system
- Supports with IT skills, focusing on teaching your child how to use Office 365, Zoom etc.



The nuts and bolts of life in PSN



Some big changes from primary school

- 6 one-hour class periods
- Lots of new subjects and teachers
- New classmates
- Longer school day
- Classroom movement
- Social Distancing
- Face to face and remote teaching
- More books/materials and ICT
- Lockers



Tips for an easier transition

- Adjustment to length of day etc.
- Homework – very little initially
- Meeting new people
- Organisational skills
- Bullying
- Literacy.... Book in your Bag!
- Lunchtime
- Food – as healthy as possible












The School Day

Time		
8.30 am	Arrive in school	
8.40 am	Assembly	
8.50 am	Morning Classes begin	Different locations
10.50-11.00	Break	
11:00 – 1:00	2 further classes	
13.00	Lunch	
13.30	Back in school building	
13.30-15.30	Afternoon Classes begin	



The School Week

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
8.50					
9.50					
10.50-11					
11.00					
12:00					
13.00			Home		
13.30					
14:30					
15.30	Home	Home		Home	Home

A Broad Curriculum...

Exam Subjects

- Gaeilge
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Business Studies
- Religion

Area of Wellbeing:

- C.S.P.E. (Civic, social, political education)
- S.P.H.E. (Social, personal, health education) and
- P.E. (Physical Education)
- Wellbeing/Guidance

Plus 2 other Options (next slide)



Subject Options

Spanish*

French*

Wood Technology*

Visual Art*

Technology*

Technical Graphics*

Home Economics*

Music*

Metal Technology*

- All subjects will be sampled in September
- Subjects will be divided into two blocks.
- Before mid-term 1 subject from each block to be chosen.
- Aim is to provide best range for each student
- Restrictions on numbers in each class
- Language may be needed for college

Arrangement of Classes

Students will follow common course in First Year.

All students will have access to Higher/Ordinary level in Irish, English and Maths.

All other subjects are set at a common level.

Class placements will be sent out via text.



Uniform



- School jumper
- School tie
- White shirt
- Grey school trousers
- Grey box-pleated skirt
- Wine knee socks or tights
- Grey/black socks



Available from [Lynch's of Marino](#) (by appointment only)

[Click here for an appointment](#)

Please put name on items of uniform – we have 800 of everything!

Uniform

PSN Jacket/Fleece



No other jackets or outerwear are permitted

Plain black shoes...not runners!



P.E. Uniform



Mobile Phones (& Headphones!)



VSWare

VSware is the school's data management system. All your child's details are stored there.

You can access your child's

- timetable
- attendance
- behaviour record
- reports

VSWare: Username/Password will be texted to you in September.

Access is through link on school website.

An information video will be sent out to you.

<https://support.vsware.ie/en/guides-for-parents>



The Journal – an early alert system

- Vital means of communication between us.
- All the rules etc. clearly explained.
- A ‘What to do if ...’ section
- Record of homework
- Notes to and from teachers and YH
- DAILY CHECKED and WEEKLY SIGNED by you!



Absences

A student must have a note explaining their absence on their return to school. This can also be done on the Vsware App.

No.7 Explanations for Absence No.7

Student Name _____ Class _____
Date ____/____/____ No. of days absent _____
Date(s) of absence ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Reason for absence (tick one):
URGENT FAMILY REASON
MEDICAL APPOINTMENT ILLNESS OTHER
DETAILS: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
Signature of Teacher _____

No.8 Explanations for Absence No.8

Student Name _____ Class _____
Date ____/____/____ No. of days absent _____

Notes

No.1		Note to/from Parent/Guardian No.1	
Note to/from Parent/Guardian	Received by _____	Student Name _____	Class _____
	Date _____	Date _____/_____/_____	Note _____
Note	_____	_____	_____
	_____	Signature of Teacher/Year Head _____	_____
	_____	Signature of Parent/Guardian _____	_____

No.2		Note to/from Parent/Guardian No.2	
Note to/from Parent/Guardian	Received by _____	Student Name _____	Class _____
	Date _____	Date _____/_____/_____	Note _____
Note	_____	_____	_____
	_____	Signature of Teacher/Year Head _____	_____
	_____	Signature of Parent/Guardian _____	_____

Other Communications

- Check P.S.N website www.psn.ie
- We **text** important messages – so if mobile numbers (or email addresses) change it is important that you let us know.
- Twitter (@PSNeasain)
- Email Year Head: pseaver@psn.ie
- Email teachers directly via VSWare mail.
- Office for general enquiries: office@psn.ie

Where are we now?

- Staff have contacted feeder schools
- Students be allocated to base classes
- Text will be sent home:
 - designated class – mixed ability
 - [details of book list](#)
 - return to school details
- Journals and personal insurance – bring €20 in with them on the first day.



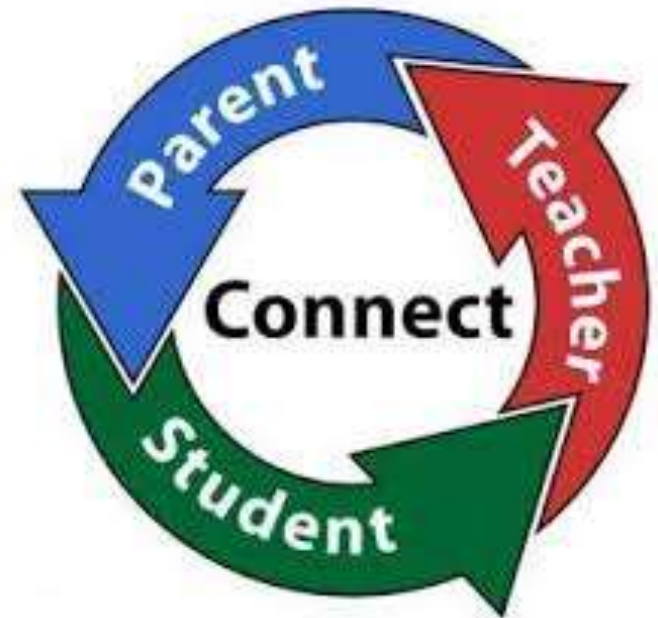
Induction of 1st Years

- Induction Day 1:
 - Thursday 26th Aug 10.00 to 12.30
 - no schoolbooks that day
 - a copy and pen and €20 for journal and insurance
 - no uniform
- Induction Day 2:
 - Monday 29th August 08.50 to 10.50 - uniform



We need you to work with us!

- Please stay actively involved -
 - VShare
 - Check/sign journal for notes etc.
 - Check homework
 - Check for correct books and materials
 - Make sure your child is on time, and in correct uniform
- Keep in touch with the school
- Familiarise yourself with policies ([website](#)), procedures (journal) & events (Twitter @PSNeasain)



Thank you all for
joining us this
evening.

Have a lovely
summer.

