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Dear Parents and Carers,

TRANSITION TO LESSONS AT CARDINAL POLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

As the new term begins it is important for us to establish standards and inform parents/carers of any changes to how the school is run. In September 2020 the school moved to zones where students would be taught alongside their year group. The original aim was to ensure that COVID 19 did not spread between different year groups. We have run a system of zones since then and although this has brought benefits, the school as a community has decided to move back to more traditional department areas.

There are many advantages to this as it allows departments to establish vibrant areas of the school whilst ensuring staff are at their doors to welcome students into the room. As with any change however, we must make expectations clear to ensure young people know what is expected of them.

Department areas mean that students are travelling further over the school than in the last few years. Therefore, to ensure poor punctuality does not disrupt learning students who are marked late to lesson twice in a one-week period will serve a **two hour "late to lesson" sanction on a Thursday after school** with myself and the pastoral team. They will also receive the standard 15-minute sanction for late to lesson.

To support this transition, the school has provided students with a new clear map, school tours and orientation activities. We have decided to take this step having taken feedback from other schools about how they managed the transition away from zones and back to whole school movement across the building.

I thank you for your support and expect that students will adapt to the changes quickly ensuring that they can make the most of the outstanding opportunities the school offers.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A O'Donoghue
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



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