



Good afternoon to all P7 pupils and parents,

I have attached a form from Taylor which they would like to be completed as part of our 'different' transition to high school. I would be very much obliged if this could be completed and returned to me (even by replying to this email). The form seeks to gather some information about friendships and the high school will attempt to form classes that include friends for your child and that avoid any real relationship issues, wherever possible.

Ordinarily this would form a discussion between the high school and your child and the class teacher but this is simply not possible due to our current situation. Mrs Carroll is busy completing transition paperwork for our P7 pupils and as she knows our pupils so well, I'm confident our children will be given the best start in high school come August.

As a separate issue I know this is an especially challenging time for our P7 pupils who quite rightly will feel frustrated and sad that they will most likely miss out on some key leavers' events before the summer. With this in mind I want to reassure both you and your children that they will get to experience their special leavers' assembly, Mass and a proper send off from St. Patrick's Primary School. This may be on the other side of the summer holidays but I will make sure it happens and will work with Taylor High School and any of our other high school destinations, to do so.

I'm personally sad that in my first year as HT this situation has occurred but the feeling of community I have experienced from all of our parents, pupils and staff greatly outweighs that sadness.

I hope and pray that you are all finding some positive experiences at home during this difficult time. Your children are firmly in the thoughts of myself and all the staff in St. Patrick's.

Kind regards and thanks,

Martyn Dinsmor  
Head Teacher