

To all our incoming 1st year students,

I am writing a letter to you all to introduce myself as your Year Head and also to let you know that not only are we working really hard at getting our building ready for the coming year, but we are also so excited to be finally getting to meet you all. It's hard to believe that it's been almost a full year since we met most of you at the Open Night!

We go into the 2020/2021 school year with a new awareness of how much school can offer us. Yes, it gives us knowledge and it helps us to develop skills that are so important for our lives. However, it is also a place where we chat with our friends, where we have big and small successes and where we feel we belong. I know I missed being in the school since March – I missed the energy of the classes, the clever and creative ideas that the girls came up with, the kindnesses shown by students to both their classmates and to me. I am so happy to be going back to school and am so looking forward to discovering all the opinions, fun, talents and potential that you will bring to our close community in Scoil Chríost Rí. Getting to know our 1st years is always an exciting time in our school and this year (with the unfortunately long break between the school doors closing in March and opening once again in late August) makes it even more so.

Looking back, “lockdown” was a bit complicated. Some days were fabulous (especially with all that sunshine!) and some days were more difficult. Lots of our favourite things were taken from us for a while and yet we also might have discovered new things we enjoy. I think many of us have come out of that time eager to get the most out of every day, to do both familiar things and new things, to be more involved in what the world around us can give us. As a year group we will try to push ourselves to remain positive, motivated and encouraging. Most importantly we will constantly seek to be kind to both ourselves and to others.

I know that the final few months of your journey through primary school were definitely not what you, or any of us, could have ever imagined. There may be some of you that found learning from home a tricky time and some of you might be wondering how you will get back into the swing of all that school life entails. However, what you might not realise is that all of us are in the same boat. We will all be learning how to learn again, and we will do this together. Students and teachers will once more get used to packing our bags, picking up our pens and discovering the world together.

I hope that you and your families have a happy, final few days of summer. We are ready and waiting to welcome you in through our doors.

Ms Griffin