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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am writing to thank all you parents for your continued support of our school and to ask you to consider getting involved in our parents' council.

This year a new committee is needed to lead the parents' council and to represent their views in our school.

We hope to renew and reactivate our parents' council now that more normal times have resumed.

We have a common goal to support our students, your daughters, to grow and blossom and reach their full potential. Thank you to all of you who have shared suggestions for the development of our school through conversations and surveys. Your input and thoughts help us to understand and respond to the learning and wellbeing needs of our students and to recognise the additional information and support that parents require.

In recent times we have introduced many initiatives following feedback received from students, parents and teachers. We would love this to continue but we need the support and guidance of parents to do so.

We greatly appreciate and value this partnership approach which will assist us to improve and develop the service we offer our students.

A huge thank you for the time, effort and experience you have generously shared with us already to support the development and growth of our Mercy girls.

So, do you have a little time to spare? Would you represent parents in our school community?

I ask now that you consider volunteering for the parents' council committee this year (full training will be provided).

Should you have the time and interest to be involved please contact our school at 051 373476. We would be delighted to have you on board.

Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

Mary Meade

Parents' Council

- ❖ The parents' council is a group of parents working in partnership with the board of management, school management, teachers, students and local community to enhance the educational development and educational opportunities of their children.
- ❖ All parents and guardians of students attending our school are members of the parents' council.
- ❖ The work of the parents' council is led by a committee (6 – 10 people). The members of the committee are elected at the parents' council AGM each year. Each member is elected for one year. The committee meets 5 or 6 times a year. At the next AGM all committee members step down but they can be re-elected as long as they continue to be a parent/guardian of a student in the school.
- ❖ The objectives of the parents' council are:
 - To act as a conduit between the parents and the school
 - To inform parents of their partnership role (rights and responsibilities) with regard to the school
 - To inform parents about the school's policies, curriculum, system of governance (board of management etc)
 - To encourage dialogue with the board of management and other partners relating to parents expectations for their students
 - To ensure that parents are represented at all levels in the consultative process of school development planning and decision-making
 - To help parents acquire the necessary skills which their role demands.