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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to introduce myself as the new principal and primary 6/7 teacher of St. Laurence O' Toole's primary school. I am both delighted and honoured to have been given this opportunity to lead this wonderful school community. I have taught for 21 years in St.Jarlath's primary school, Blackwatertown and during this time I encouraged positive communication between the home, school, community and parish. I wish to continue this approach as principal of St. Laurence O' Toole's so please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email address or school office if you have any concerns or queries.

I take the reins from Mrs Brea Friel. She has given many years of service to the school, and I know she will be greatly missed. I wish her health and happiness in her retirement, and I want her to know that she is welcome to visit anytime.

As principal, my aim is to build on the already high standards within the school and ensure that every child is cared for and valued. Covid 19 continues to be a challenging situation and I am very aware of the anxieties both parents and children feel at times. Rest assured that all staff will continue to work as a team to help every child feel at ease during this pandemic and will work diligently to ensure every child reaches their full potential in all areas of school life.

Covid 19 guidance from the Department of Education on “Return to School” protocols has just been released. The staff and I will meet as a team next week to study this guidance and will then put a plan in place for a safe return to school for all pupils. This information will then be posted promptly following this meeting.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

I look forward to meeting all of the children when they return to school in the new term.

Yours Sincerely

Ciara Monaghan
(Principal)

Teaching Arrangements 2021-2022

Reception and P.1	Mrs Mc Grath and Mrs Hughes
P.2 and P.3	Mrs Toner and Mrs Hughes
P.4 and P.5	Miss O Neill
P.6 and P.7	Sept: Miss Mc Kenna and Mrs Hughes Oct-June: Ms Monaghan and Mrs Hughes