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Dear Parent

I hope you have had a relaxing Summer and enjoyed quality family time together.

I am writing to remind you of a few important points before the start of the new term.

Firstly, we wish to extend a very warm welcome to Mr. R. Pollard, our new permanent P6/7 teacher. We trust he will enjoy teaching in Hamiltonsbawn PS and getting to know our wonderful pupils and friendly community.

The new school term will commence for all P2-P7 pupils on Tuesday 29th August at 8.40am sharp. Our new P1 intake have been provided with individual starting dates and we very much look forward to welcoming them. The pedestrian gate and school front door will be open to our pupils from 8.30am and close at 8.45am. There will be NO school buses until 1st September but school dinners, healthy break, Children's Clubs (booked through ParentPay before midnight Sunday 27th August) and school patrol crossing will be available from Tuesday 29th August.

Why not start as you mean to go on and avail of our excellent Early Morning Club (P1-P7), starting Tuesday 29th August, 7.50am -8.30am daily and our After School Club (1.30-2.35pm P1-P3) and Late Club (2.40-4.00pm, P1-P7). ParentPay should be used to book all school meals, healthy break and Early Morning Club/Play Club/Stay Late Club **by Sunday evening weekly**. Prices remain at last year's rates and are available when booking online. If anyone has any problems or queries with payments, please inform the school office.

School finishes for P1-P2 daily at 1.30pm and for P3 on *Thursday/Friday only*. For all other year groups, school finishes at 2.40pm and for P3 *Monday to Wednesday only*. Pupils will be walked down to the school pedestrian gate with their teacher at home-time. If your child is to walk home, please ensure you provide written/telephone consent in advance to the class teacher.

Thank-you to all families who have applied promptly to avail of Free School Meals and Uniform Grants. If you think you might be eligible and haven't done so, please visit the EA website today at: www.eani.org.uk or see posts on our school Facebook page. If successful, school benefits from funding as well as each family, so please apply.

As we continue to reduce our carbon footprint, school messages and information for parents' attention will be shared mainly through the **Schools NI App** (and linked to our school website). This is downloadable on any phone or tablet device through the Play Store or App Store. All parents will need to download this App and remember to *activate* notification alerts so you don't miss anything.

***School text messages** will be used in emergencies only.

Thank-you

Mr. D. Hutchinson
(Principal)