



PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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RE: Information Night and Entrance Assessment for New Entrants to 1st Year 2024/2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The CAT4 assessment for incoming 1st Years will take place on **Saturday 25th January 2024** from 9:30am to 11:45pm. This involves a multiple-choice assessment of numerical, verbal and spatial awareness skills. No preparation is necessary. Further information is available on the school website.

The CAT 4 Exams are standardised tests which will be used to support the school in understanding the students' developed abilities and learning preferences. They also help to identify potential areas where a student may need targeted support. The results of these tests are also used to ensure we have equal mixed ability class groups.

The assessment will take place in the main school building. Pupils are requested to be at the main door to the entrance of the school by **9:00 am** on the day of assessment in order to receive their allocated examination number and be directed to their venue. **They should bring a pencil, pen, a ruler and an eraser. Students should wear their primary school uniform/ school tracksuit.**

Students will be afforded a break halfway through the morning. They may bring water if they wish.

An **Information Night for Parents and Guardians of incoming 1st year students** of Portmarnock Community School will be held on **Tuesday January 21st** at 7:00pm for one hour. Details of Uniform, School Rules, Subject Choices and Guidelines for Parents etc, will be given to you at this talk. This talk will take place in the Assembly Hall in the main building.

The teachers and I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to our school.

Kind Regards,

H.Tobin
Principal
Portmarnock Community School.