



Iontaobhas Scoileanna Éamainn Rís  
Edmund Rice Schools Trust

## Coláiste Iósaf an Fhionnradharc – St. Joseph's, Fairview

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the students for the ongoing support at the end of the longest term of the year. The daily lives of students today can provide challenges far beyond just those they face from education. Social media and world events, both locally & internationally, can be areas students need the support of homes and community to process. In partnership with every home and parent/guardian, the school will offer all supports possible to care for our student body and your child/ren. Whether this is in the classroom, sporting arena or other pursuits, a sense of 'normality' and structure is the aim for daily school life and we hope students are able to realise their own growth and opportunity within this.

At this time of year, I think it is worth reminding ourselves of the importance of looking after one another, and our communities. Taking the time to rest, reflect and share on our experiences is invaluable, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to spend time with loved ones. The school is filled with activity and excitement over the month of December and is been a very enjoyable place to be; I very much hope this joy is brought home for the Christmas.

When we return after the break, the days will be getting longer. The school will continue to endeavor to offer a safe and developing environment to allow students achieve their best each day. We will be looking at shorter terms and a number of activities and events that add so much to school life. Values we attempt to share with students include 'reaching for the horizon' and of a growth mindset. These are invaluable and we hope this is seen in all each member of the school community does.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and all the best for 2024.

Beir bua agus beannacht,

Seán Stack  
Principal