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Dear Boys and Girls of Primary 7,

As you may already know, considering the most recent lockdown, the transfer test has been cancelled. Although I am not responsible in any way, I do feel the need to apologise to you all for the awful way in which the people responsible have handled this situation.

I realise that many of you will be very disappointed that you have found out so late about this and you may even feel that all your hard work has not been worth it.

I would like to remind you all that as we have discussed hundred of times that the transfer test was only ever to see what school you might go to next year. It does not and would not have defined you!

The hard work you have all put in and the amazing progress that you have all made since 24 August has not been lost. The knowledge and skills you have gained will remain with you and you are all in a much better place academically because of your commitment and effort. I know that if you continue to show the same amount of commitment and effort in the coming months and years, you will all excel at whatever school you go to.

You all, as we have discussed, are very lucky to have so many great post primary schools in this area. All of these school will be very lucky to have you as a pupil. It is now up to the post primary schools who were going to use the results of GL or AQE, to devise new admissions criteria for September 2021.

Until these are published, and the picture becomes clearer, I would ask you to be proud of the work you have done to date and continue to engage in the remote learning over the lockdown period.

I would like you all to give mummy and daddy a big hug and thank them for all the help and support they have given you in preparing for transfer

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents for all the support they have shown both to you and the school in what were (and continue to be) difficult times for everyone.

At the time of writing this letter, the situation is still evolving, and I would assure you all of my and the other staff's continued effort to do our best to help you maintain your great progress.

The other teachers and I will be writing to all our classes about remote learning tomorrow, so keep an eye on the school website.

In the meantime, please stay safe, wash your hands, maintain social distance, and stay at home.

With best wishes

Mr Dorrian, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Ennis, Mr Gilmore, Miss McAuley, MrsMcAree, Mrs O Neill, Miss Woods.

