GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE
Coláiste na Dea-Chomhairle
New Ross, Co. Wexford

An Augustinian School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope your son has found his feet and settled into a routine after his first two weeks in the college.

During the coming weeks, we intend to screen all First Years' literacy skills by looking at their reading, spelling and writing. We are doing this to help us identify students' strengths and needs in order to plan our literacy supports.

The screening test we are using is called the Post Primary Assessment & Diagnosis-English (PPAD-E). The PPAD-E has five parts: reading and understanding passages, spelling, written work, reading speed, and word reading.

Four of the five parts of the PPAD-E are done in class groups. This takes approximately one hour to complete. The final part, a short reading task, is done individually with a teacher in the school. The test is suited to all the ability levels, including students who struggle with reading.

There is no need for your child to prepare in advance. The purpose of the test is to help us to identify students who may need extra help with learning and we will be able to tailor classroom instruction and give targeted interventions to meet the needs of these students.

Kind regards,

Mark O'Brien
Principal