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25/05/2022

A Chairde,

Beatha agus sláinte chugaibh.

As you will be aware, during this school year we have engaged in a comprehensive consultation process with all relevant members of our school community regarding our school ethos. This consultation, facilitated by our patron body, *An Foras Pátrúnachta*, has been informed by our identified school priorities and Department of Education initiatives which aim to support inclusion within our increasingly multi-cultural and diverse society and to provide increased choice for parents/guardians.

As part of this process, we have met with members of our Bord Bainistíochta, our school staff, our parent body and local religious groups and discussion and feedback from all relevant parties has been welcomed and encouraged. We were delighted with the level of engagement from all members of our school community and we thank you most sincerely for your openness, honesty and interaction throughout.

**Taking the broad and balanced feedback into account, our Board of Management has taken an informed decision to change the ethos of our school to a multi-denominational one.** At the heart of this decision is the firm belief that such a change is in the best interests of our pupils and will increase inclusion, promote mutual respect and understanding, while celebrating the cultures and traditions of all our pupils equally.

***What will stay the same?***

Our school culture and environment will remain the same. We are committed to providing Irish-medium education to the very highest standard for all our pupils and catering to their individual needs in a holistic manner.

***How will change be implemented?***

Change will be introduced on a **phased basis** from September 2022. Classes will move from the *Beo go Deo* faith formation programme to the *Croí na Scoile* programme for multi-denominational education and school staff will undertake professional development in this area.

*Croí na Scoile* is an ethics and multi-faith programme which fosters mutual respect and understanding of diversity while developing pupils' understanding of human rights, equality and social inclusion.

**No faith formation is included in the *Croí na Scoile* programme.**

*Please refer to the attached leaflet for further information.*

*2022-23 school year*

- From September 2022, our Naíonáin Bheaga, Naíonáin Mhóra and Rang 1 will follow the *Croí na Scoile* programme.
- Other classes will continue to follow the *Beo do Deo* programme. **Rang 2 and Rang 6 will be prepared for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.**

*2023-24 school year*

- Naíonáin Bheaga – Rang 4 will follow the *Croí na Scoile* programme.
- Pupils in **Rang 2** who wish to receive the sacrament of First Communion can do so through a parish programme of sacramental preparation.
- Pupils in **Rang 6** will continue to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation.

*2024-25 school year*

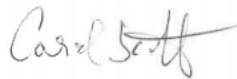
- All classes will follow the *Croí na Scoile* programme.
- Any pupil who wishes to undertake sacramental preparation can do so through the parish programme.

We are very much looking forward to this next chapter in our school's story as we work together to continue to provide Irish-medium education to our pupils in an inclusive, pluralistic and enriching school environment.

Le meas,



Melanie Ní Dhuinn,  
*Cathaoirleach.*



Carol Scott,  
*Príomhoide.*