

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Primary School Survey.

The Department of Education and Youth carried out this survey to gather information about the types of schools that parents/guardians prefer.

We are now sharing our school's survey results with you.

The attached survey results show:

- The preferences of parents/guardians of children currently enrolled in our school; and
- The preferences of parents/guardians of children not yet enrolled who indicated an intention to enrol in our school.

The results outline the preferences of parents/guardians regarding:

- Co-educational or single-sex provision;
- Patronage/ethos; and
- Language of instruction (English or Irish).

## **How to understand the survey results**

We have attached guidance to help you understand the survey results. In simple terms:

- The percentages shown in green and gold indicate the preferences of those parents/guardians who participated in the survey.
- The red line represents the margin of error. This provides a range around the survey result, indicating how much the result might vary if all parents/guardians in our school community had responded.

For example:

- If the entire red line is above 50%, this suggests that more than half of all parents/guardians are likely to prefer that option, even when the margin of error is taken into account.

## **What happens next**

The Board of Management will now review the survey results and consider what they may mean for our school.

As part of this process, we want to ensure that parents/guardians, staff, pupils, and the wider school community have an opportunity to share their views. Once feedback has been gathered, it will be carefully considered before any decisions are made regarding next steps.

Where there is evidence of support for change, a school may choose to submit an Expression of Interest to the Department of Education and Youth. If this occurs, the Department will provide a dedicated contact person and other supports to assist the school throughout the process.

## **Next Steps**

Please take time to read the attached survey results and guidance document.

Comments and feedback may be submitted by email to: [kinvarans@gmail.com](mailto:kinvarans@gmail.com)

In our school, 83 families participated in the survey from a total of 198 eligible families. Of those who responded, 54% indicated a preference for the school to operate under a multi denominational patron. The Board notes that this represents the views of those who participated in the survey and that a majority of eligible families did not respond.

The survey was designed by the Department of Education and Youth to gather information on parental preferences regarding future school provision. The Board encourages all members of the school community to review the survey information carefully and consider the results in their full context.

The Board of Management is available to answer any queries and welcomes feedback from parents and guardians. To facilitate further discussion, the Board will host a public meeting in September to review the survey results, consider the views of the school community, and discuss any potential implications for the future patronage of the school.

We look forward to discussing the survey findings and receiving feedback from our school community at that meeting. Details of the meeting will be communicated to all families in due course.

Thank you for your support with this survey. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Board of Management