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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 22nd January, 2018.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully.

- **Mrs. Carson** and I will be delivering a **Baking Class** with **Year 7** pupils starting this **Wednesday, 24th January @ 1.45pm**. Pupils are asked to bring in an apron to protect their clothing. Any food made will be brought home. If you would prefer for your child to not eat the food as part of a healthy diet, perhaps it could be given to an elderly relative or neighbour.
- Our **Cross Country Team** are invited to the final round of the **Cross Country League** on **Wednesday, 24th January, 2018**. The venue is **Holy Cross College** in **Strabane**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by Mr. Colton and Mrs. Mulryan. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. If your child is a member of our Cross Country Team, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow.
- The cost of **Milk** for this term is **£5**.
- **PE** on a **Tuesday** for **Year 5/6** will end next Tuesday.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 6**: Please find attached a separate letter.
- It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that our **Building Supervisor, Mr. Ollie McArdle** has left our school due to other work commitments. Ollie has been a great asset to our school and we will miss him dearly. We wish him every happiness and success in the future.
- The after-school **Music Class** with **Mrs. Nuala Sweeney** will continue until **Thursday, 22nd March, 2018**. The last Music Clas of the year will take place on **Thursday, 31st May, 2018**.

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- As you are aware, on the rare occasion that we have to close our school due to exceptional circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions or heating/water issues, parents are informed promptly through our text messaging service. I am aware that some parents do not receive text messages promptly due to having a poor signal and that some parents don't have access to the Internet to check the BBC Northern Ireland website for school closures.

Consequently we sent a test text today @ **2.00pm**.

If you didn't receive the text message today, please complete the slip attached so that arrangements can be made to inform you by telephone in the future.

Please return the slip by **Friday, 26th January, 2018**.

Even if you notified us previously, please complete the reply slip again.

Please note that we will only telephone you if you provide us with this information.

- A sincere Thank You to everyone who supported our **Christmas Quiz** and **Raffle**. The total amount raised was **£1207**.
- **Sunday, 28th January to Saturday, 3rd February** is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is- **Catholic Schools: Called to be a family of families**. Following the success of **Grandparents Day** last year we have decided to invite **grandparents** into school again on **Wednesday, 31st January** for **Afternoon Tea** from **1.15pm to 2.00pm**. Please find attached a flyer about **Catholic Schools Week**.
- **St. Ciaran's Open Night** is on **Thursday, 25th January, 2018 @ 7pm**.
- **Loreto Grammar School's Open Night** is on **Wednesday, 24th January, 2018** with **Registration** from **5.30pm** and **Principal's Welcome @ 6pm**.
- We are collecting **The Irish News GAA** tokens with the aim of securing a coaching day, starting today and ending on **10th March**. Please support us by collecting the tokens and sending them into the school office. For further information visit: www.irishnews.com/coachingdays

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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Unexpected School Closures- Text Messaging Service

I don't receive text messages therefore I would prefer to be contacted by telephone in the case of an unexpected school closure.

Signed:

Date:

Please return by Friday, 26th January, 2018.

Permission Slip

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child _____ to participate in the final round of **Flahavan's Cross-Country League** on **Wednesday, 24th January, 2018** in **Holy Cross College in Strabane**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: