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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

The Department of Education and Youth carried out this survey to find out about the type 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.(Only 15 families out of our 104 replied.)

The results outline the preferences of parents/guardians for:

- Co-educational or single-sex provision
- Patronage/ethos
- 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 in green and gold show what the parents/guardians who took part in the survey prefer.

The red line shows the margin of error. This gives a range around the survey result, showing how much the result might be higher or lower if **all** parents/guardians of children in our school had responded.

For example;

- If the whole red line is **above 50%**, this means it is likely that more than half of all parents/guardians prefer that option, even allowing for the margin of error.

What happens next

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

As part of this, we want to make sure that parents/guardians, staff, students, and the wider school community can share their views with us. Once we have gathered all feedback, we will consider it carefully and then let you know about any decisions we make and next steps.

For example, if there is a clear preference for a change in relation to ethos etc., , the school may submit an 'expression of interest form' for change to the department. If this happens, the department will provide us with a dedicated contact person and other supports, to help our school in this process.

Next Steps

Please read the attached survey results for our school and guidance document. You can send any comments or feedback to us at office@sannioclas.ie by 30th September 2026 & we hope to hold a meeting for the whole school community here in early September 2026 to get views from the parents on the above for feedback to the Board of Management.

We have also included some additional information at the end of this email that you may find useful.

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

Yours sincerely

Susan Reyburn

Principal & Secretary to the Board of Management