

## St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit (Annaclone)

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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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## **Board of Governors Letter to Parents**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that after 8 years with our school, serving as both Vice-Principal and Principal, Kevin O' Neill is resigning to take up a new principal position with a larger primary school in Armagh effective from 1st September.

Please see his accompanying letter.

Kevin has been a highly effective principal, leader and contributor to the greater Annaclone community. Our school has received many awards and accolades during his tenure and under his leadership has been a role-model for other schools in on-line learning and digital media, cross-community engagement and environmental initiatives. He successfully managed extension of the school buildings and his ability to successfully navigate the learning and spiritual challenges of the last year has been just the most recent example of his excellent capability and leadership.

Most importantly, our children continue to out-perform the national averages in Maths and English, and "punch above our weight" in sports, art and technology as well as academic performance.

On behalf of the board of governors, I cannot thank Kevin enough for his hard work, commitment and dedication to our school and nursery.

Of course, we must now start a search for a strong candidate to replace Kevin. The recruitment process will be conducted in the new school year. In the meantime, the Board of Governors is appointing our Vice-Principal, Aisling Morgan, to Acting Principal from  $1^{\rm st}$  September.

We are very sorry to lose Kevin but wish him all the best in his new role.

Best regards,

Geraldine Fusciardi Chair of Governors









