



St. Colman's Primary School
and
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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been my very great privilege since 2013 to serve as both Vice-Principal and more recently as Principal of St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints'. I am writing to you today to inform you that I have been appointed to the position of Principal in Mount St. Catherine's Primary School in Armagh and come September will no longer be in situ here in Annaclone.

It has been a great pleasure to have worked in and served our school community. Although a city boy at heart, I quickly grew attached to the people and the idyllic setting on the Monteith Road and am pleased to say that that attachment today remains undiminished and will always remain so. I will leave with a great many memories of staff, students, parents and Governors - past and present. St.Colman's and All Saints' is, I believe, an outstanding school with a unique commitment to the inspirational young people who wear their uniform with pride and who share our inclusive values and aspirations.

I have so many things to be grateful for, not many Principal's have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. Each one of my colleagues works extremely hard to give the best they can to all of our pupils. They made it a pleasure to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family. I can't thank them enough for their loyalty and commitment to the school. I have also been surrounded by a leadership team who understand the vision of the school and who worked collaboratively with me in order to make it happen.

September 2021 will see the school mark 50 years in existence. It has continued to go from *strength to strength*. Today our stable pupil



numbers, our spacious outdoor provision, modern classroom accommodation and resources, coupled together with our reputation for excellent standards of teaching and learning (locally and internationally) are a wonderful testament to all those colleagues that I've worked alongside and the many that were here before me. *The next 50 promise to be just as exciting.*

I know that the Board of Governors will appoint a new Principal in due course. Someone who will work closely with the whole community to ensure that the school grows further through partnerships and someone who will continue to lead the current upward trajectory of standards and achievements in our children.

To the children of Annaclone (past and present), you all hold a very special place in my heart and I will continue to smile and glow with pride as I hear about you reaching milestones and achieving your dreams.

There are a great many people who are associated with the school who will steer the school community through the next phase of its journey and I have the utmost confidence that the school will continue to thrive. I would like to thank you for the support you have given to me and the school staff during my time here. I will not be leaving until the end of August 2021. So in the meantime it will be 'business as usual' as we all aim to end (this the single most challenging year in the school's history) the term on a high note. Our children deserve nothing less.

Although I am sad to be leaving I am excited about what the future looks like for Annaclone and the next chapters that you will all write together. I wish the St. Colman's and All Saints' family all the best, I will miss you all.

Yours sincerely and Go raibh maith agat,

Mr Kevin O'Neill
Principal

