



**TANNAGHMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

***Welcome Back!***

As we embark on another new school year we are delighted to welcome back all of our pupils; in particular, we extend a warm welcome to all new pupils who have commenced either Primary 1 or who have joined us, on transfer, from other schools and indeed other countries.

***Building our Partnership***

With the Official Opening having taken place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the project, which began in July 2014, to put in place a new school is now completed. The whole school community is privileged to have access to the excellent educational facilities which are now available to pupils, staff and parents alike.

Now, as a school community, it becomes our daily challenge to complement the excellent accommodation and facilities, with high quality educational and pastoral provision for each child placed in our care. The entire staff team wholeheartedly embrace this challenge and appreciate that, through working together, and with your valued support as parents and partners in your child's journey through primary education in Tannaghmore, we can be successful in our quest to render your child 'the best that they can be'.

***Official Opening of New School - DVD***

A special DVD of the Official Opening of the new school building which took place on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 is now available. The DVD, skilfully produced by Dwyer O'Connor, captures the key parts of the event and can be ordered through your child's teacher or Donna in the School Office (028 38322393) at a cost of £5.00.

***Changes in Pupil Contact Details & Medical Condition***

Please alert Donna in the School Office to any changes in Contact Details (address/telephone) and Medical Condition that may pertain to your child. If you, or a nominated contact for your child, has a new mobile/telephone number – please advise Donna so that your child's record can be updated accordingly; any other relevant change in your child's pastoral record should also be shared with the school.



**Welcoming Schools Award 2013**

### ***'Great Tannaghmore Bake Off'***

Sincere thanks to all aspiring and experienced cooks/chefs from our parent body and wider school community who invested so much time, energy, expense and sheer creativity over the weekend to participate in the 'Great Tannaghmore Bake Off'. Thank God, I wasn't nominated to judge the final products since the quality and standard of the various products was most impressive, and the overall response quite overwhelming. Like most others in the school who got to indulge in the finished products, taste was the key yardstick, and there was no-one disappointed at what was there to be enjoyed.

On behalf of Miss Hussey and the school gardening team, we extend a sincere thank you to everyone who got involved and contributed to the success of this novel event. All proceeds will go the school Gardening Club and the school's Eco-Council.

### ***Pupil Safety & Vehicle Access to School Site***

We continue to monitor the movement of all vehicles through the school site.

In general, the system appears to be working quite well, with traffic flowing freely (even during 'peak times' – pre 9.00am, circa 2.00pm & circa 3.00pm). However, with pupil safety paramount at all times, please continue to note the following:

- The main vehicular access is through the Lake Street entrance – with a one-way traffic flow system (town bound) in operation
- There is a dedicated 'set down lay by' available for parents to use at the front of the school site which provides pupils and parents with a very safe 'drop off' and 'pick up' area
- Parents are very welcome and indeed encouraged to use the 'set down lay by', located either side of the main front doors.
- The driveway leading directly to the school kitchen is reserved for deliveries only and should not be used by other vehicles being driven by parents/carers
- A Bus lay-by is in place on the road along Lake Street – please do not park in this area – it is clearly designed for Buses only!!
- The Staff Car Park is for use by staff only – parents/visitors should not enter the staff car park
- The front door leading into the main front porch and vestibule is for use by staff and visitors only – no pupils to enter via the front door.

I'm sure you can appreciate that it is difficult for the school to manage the traffic flow and the conduct of the various road users. We can only appeal to all parents and visitors to please drive (and park) in a responsible manner and remain vigilant to the safety of all of our pupils. To guarantee safe access to the school site for all pupils, we are dependent on the patience, tolerance and consideration of all road users.

Thank you for your continuing support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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Aiden F. McVey  
(Principal)

