



## Scoil Náisiúnta Bhantiarna Lourdes

*“Mol an óige ‘is tiocfaidh sí”*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are currently planning for the next school year. We will again have 13 class teachers. This means that classes throughout the school will be small. Any combined classes will have lower numbers than the main class group. The 13 class groupings are as follows:

- ✓ 2 X Junior Infants Classes
- ✓ 2 X Senior Infants Classes
- ✓ 2 X First Classes
- ✓ 2 X Second Classes
- ✓ 1 X Third Class
- ✓ 1 X Fourth Class
- ✓ 1 X Fifth Class
- ✓ 1 X Fifth & Sixth Class Group
- ✓ 1 X Sixth Class

Teachers, in conjunction with the Principal, are responsible for allocating pupils to classes. Parents and guardians are responsible for communicating all necessary information about a child to the school, so that an informed decision can be made on the division of classes and on allocating pupils to split or combined classes. If you wish to inform the

school of any issues before children are allocated to classes please do so in writing to the class teacher or principal on or before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. In the senior classes friendships are not usually a consideration as it is often a good idea to separate children to prepare them for secondary school.

Following much discussion about smart phones recently the school strongly recommends that no child should have unsupervised access to a smart phone in primary school. When they are given access parents are advised to monitor activity using the family link for Google phones and by not giving out passwords to install applications on IPHones. Please be aware that many restaurants and shops now give free access to their Wifi network so children no longer need credit on their phones to use many apps or access the Internet. Applications such as Snapchat which delete activity automatically should not be used as experience shows that they often lead to bullying or immature behaviour in young children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Mac Roibeaird".

James Roberts, Principal