



To the Parents/Guardians of 6th class Primary School students

September 16th 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Making the transition from primary to post-primary is a serious step in the lives of both child and parent/guardian. Taking on the responsibility of teaching the child and working with the parent/guardian is an equally serious responsibility. Therefore, I wish to assure parents that our staff will do their utmost to realise the legitimate ambitions of all our partners and that we will endeavour to further the cause of all our young people.

Whenever I visit primary schools, I remind the children that in Kinsale Community School we emphasise the **right to learn**, the **right to be happy**, the **right to be different** and the **right to be heard**. This is a necessary and realistic aspiration that must be lived in our day to day existence. A child's happiness is a vital ingredient in making academic and social progress and our commitment is to ensure that your child is academically challenged, physically safe and emotionally secure in our school environment. This I believe is an accurate summary of our Mission Statement.

Those who are familiar with Kinsale Community School know how we nurture success in examinations and stress self-discipline. But that's only part of the story. There's so much else happening – all sorts of games and sports, drama, public speaking, and a myriad of other activities. You will, of course, be aware of the reputation of the school in the Young Scientist Competition at National and European level. These activities are all aimed at providing a holistic and well-rounded education for your child.

Our enrolment form is available on the school website <https://www.kinsalecommunityschool.ie/enrolment>. The **closing date** for receipt of applications for the academic year 2023/2024 is **Friday, 11th November 2022**. It would be appreciated if application forms were returned promptly. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for 2023/24 academic year are available to view at <https://www.kinsalecommunityschool.ie/policies> Please note the yearly student expenses/materials fee, which is not funded by the Department of Education, is **€100** for one student, **€150** for two or more students. This fee will be requested once your child has secured a place in our school.

Please note that our **Open Evening will take place on Tuesday September 27th 2022**, please register at <https://www.kinsalecommunityschool.ie/news/2022/9/12/kinsale-community-school-open-evening-tuesday-september-27th-2022>

We look forward to welcoming you to see our wonderful school then.

Yours sincerely,

Fergal McCarthy
Principal
Kinsale Community School