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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that President Michael D. Higgins has accepted an invitation from the Student Council to visit our schools. He is visiting to join with us in celebrating our 200 years of education and service to the community of Lusk. The visit will take place on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organising Committee which is made up of students, teachers, parents and Board of Management are honoured to be hosting this visit. They have put a great deal of work into the visit and we are really looking forward to a hugely exciting day for us all.

During the visit the President and Mrs. Higgins will be greeted by all of our students in the pavilion space to the front of our three buildings. They will visit the Junior School where they will be welcomed by members of the JNS Student Council. They will then plant a tree in our pavilion space with members of our Green Schools Committee. Following this, they will visit the Senior School and be welcomed by the SNS Student Council. Finally, the President will visit the hall where he will speak to an invited audience of guests and students.

In total, the President will be with us for about an hour. There are 100 invited guests including the Board of Management and the committee members of the Parents Association. All guests will be asked to take their seats in the hall by 11.15am. Unfortunately, the visit is not open to the full parent body or the wider public for time and security reasons. Our school vehicular gates will close at 10am that morning and will remain closed until 1.15pm. We would ask that all pupils be in their school uniform for the day.

We are very grateful that Colin Browne will be shooting a video of the visit and this will be available to view on the school websites of both schools after the event. He will also cast a video of the President speaking in the hall to all classes on the campus.

The "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" Committee have also been working very closely with local community groups in preparation for a community event in late September where we will invite the community to visit the school and view old school memorabilia, meet students past and present and celebrate 200 years of service to the community. We will have further details on this event before the summer holidays.

Kind regards,

Órfhlaith Clarke  
Principal Lusk JNS