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**Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH**

Monday, 26th April, 2021.

Dear Parent,

- **DE needs parents' views on the Scheme to deliver Direct Payments in lieu of Free School Meals and the School Holiday Food Grant Payment Scheme.**

[DE Payment Schemes Survey](#)

The Department of Education is currently evaluating the effectiveness of the two similar but separate payment schemes: a scheme to deliver Direct Payments in lieu of Free School Meals and the School Holiday Food Grant Payment Scheme. These schemes have been providing financial support of £13.50 per child per week, as necessary, to families of children entitled to Free School Meals since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have been asked to forward you the attached link to a short survey which will also assist the Department of Education in planning for any future payment schemes. I would encourage you to complete the online survey - it should take no more than 2 minutes.

We are especially interested in the views of parents whose children are entitled to Free School meals.

- Details regarding dates of **Year 4** and **Year 7 Sacraments** are available on our website tomorrow. Please note that the time of Confirmation has been changed from 12pm to 11am.
- Our **Value** for the month of **May** is **Worship**. Please speak to your child at home about the importance of this value. May is also the month of **Mary**. We ask all families to set up a **May Altar** at home to encourage prayer to Mary, particularly during this special month. Pupils are being encouraged to bring in flowers and religious artefacts to decorate May Altars in school.

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- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** for the month of **May** is **Self-Management**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet to see how you can help at home.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **May** will be issued next week.
- Pupils are completing their **Annual Standardised Tests** between **10th May and 20th May**. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school during the month to minimise disruption to testing.
- Our school will be **closed** from **Monday, 3rd May to Wednesday, 5th May (inclusive)**. Pupils are asked to return on Thursday, 6th May at the usual time.

Take care and stay safe. See you soon.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)



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