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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

An invitation to listen

As I begin my role as Executive Headteacher of St Patrick's, one of my priorities is to get to know our school community properly - particularly the children, families and staff who make St Patrick's the special place it is.

I would therefore like to invite parents and carers to join me at one of the following informal **Parent Listening Exercises**.

Date: **Thursday 17th September**

Time: **9:00am**

Date: **Monday 21st September**

Time: **5:30pm**

This will be a relaxed opportunity to meet with me, share your experiences of St Patrick's and talk about what you value about our school and what you would like to see as we move forward.

I am particularly interested in hearing about:

- what you feel St Patrick's does really well;
- what makes you proud to be part of our school community;
- your hopes and aspirations for your children;
- ideas for how we could make school life even better;
- how we can strengthen our partnership between school and home; and
- anything you think we should consider as we look towards the future.

This is intended to be an informal listening exercise rather than a formal meeting. There will be no presentations or agenda - I mainly want to listen, learn and get to know the views of our families.

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I also want to make clear that this isn't intended to be a forum for raising individual concerns. If there are particular issues that you would like to raise, I will of course make time to discuss these with you separately and ensure that they are followed up appropriately.

My starting point is one of positivity and opportunity. St Patrick's already has many strengths, and I want to understand what families cherish about the school so that we can protect and build on those things, while also being honest about where we can improve.

I hope you will be able to join me. If you would like to attend, please complete the accompanying Microsoft Form so that we have an idea of numbers.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wncMYnxX3N>

I look forward to meeting you, listening to your thoughts and, most importantly, beginning to build a strong partnership with you as we take the next steps together.

With best wishes,

Mr M Gray
Executive Headteacher

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