

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

On behalf of the Board of Management of the school, I wish to inform you of the intention of the Principal, Ms Deirdre Gogarty, to retire, with effect from 31st August 2025.

No words can adequately express on behalf of the Board, staff, students and parents, the deep debt of gratitude owed to Deirdre for her exceptional educational leadership over a period of twenty-six years. She served as Acting Deputy from 1999, and latterly as Principal since 2002.

Her unique giftedness, premised on capability and compassion, intellect and integrity, have ensured that the school has flourished and become a highly respected second level institution, renowned academically in the national educational milieu.

The Holy Faith ethos has always been Deirdre's guiding beacon in all her actions and interactions. Throughout her years of selfless giving, the school has become a place where student talents are acknowledged and encouraged, altruism promoted, and respect is to the fore.

Deirdre leaves to us the legacy of a vibrant and dynamic school, tastefully refurbished and in demand beyond its capacity. It is committed to a vision to be the best it can be for all its students and daily living out its Mission inspired by her example.

It is a source of comfort to all that Deirdre hopes to return to school prior to Easter, and resume her role as Principal. Thus, we will be afforded ample opportunity to celebrate her contribution and mark her leave-taking with the due respect it deserves.

The Board wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to Ms Siobhán Sheerin for assuming the role of Acting Principal since September 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret Lennon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Margaret" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and the surname "Lennon" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is contained within a light grey rectangular box.

Margaret Lennon,
Chairperson, Board of Management