

22nd September 2026

To Parents/Guardians

Subject: The Primary School Survey – our school's results and next steps

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last November, all primary school parents were invited to participate in the Primary School Survey.

The Department of Education and Youth carried out this National Survey to find out about the type of schools that parents/guardians prefer.

I had shared these results with you last June and I am re-sharing these now also.

The attached survey results show:

- The preferences of parents/guardians of children currently enrolled in our school; and

The results outline the preferences of parents/guardians for:

- Co-educational or single-sex provision
- Patronage/ethos
- Language of instruction (English or Irish)

How to understand the survey results

We have attached guidance to help you understand the survey results. In simple terms:

The percentages in green and gold show what the **parents/guardians** who took part in the survey prefer.

The red line shows the margin of error. This gives a range around the survey result, showing how much the result might be higher or lower if **all parents/guardians** of children in our school had responded.

For example:

- if the whole red line is **above 50%**, this means it is likely that more than half of all parents/guardians prefer that option, even allowing for the margin of error.

N.B: Although the staff and Board members participated in the survey, the responses were not included by the D.E.Y. in the school results .

What happens next

The Board of Management will now review the survey results and think about what they mean for our school.

As part of this, we want to make sure that parents/guardians, staff, students, and the wider school community can share their views with us. Once we have gathered all feedback, we will consider it carefully and then let you know about any decisions we make and next steps.

For example, if there is a clear preference for a change, the school may submit an 'expression of interest form' for change to the department. If this happens, the department will provide us with a dedicated contact person and other supports, to help our school in this process.

Next steps

Please read the attached survey results for our school and guidance document.

You can send any comments or feedback to us at principal@enniskerryins.ie by **30th September**.

This letter will be posted on the school website; www.enniskerryins.ie

Community

We also welcome responses from our community, please feel free to use the email address above to submit these responses.

Thank you for your support with this survey and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Eugene O'Mara, Chair, St Mary's & St Gerard's N.S.

Deirdre Morgan, Principal