



**Meanscoil na Toirbhirte**

**Lios Tuathail  
Co. Chiarraí**

**Presentation Secondary School**

**Listowel  
Co. Kerry**

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12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Retirement of the Principal Eileen Kennelly in October 2021**

Dear members of the school community,

I have informed the Chairperson and the Board of Management of my intention to retire as Principal of Presentation Listowel in October 2021, having acquired my 40 years' pension entitlements.

I am informing you, the school community, at this time to facilitate the appointment of a new Principal by the Trustees, CEIST, and the Board of Management in a timely manner.

I have had a very fulfilling career in education working in seven Catholic Voluntary Secondary Schools. I was involved in management teams in three schools.

I wish to thank the Trustees, CEIST, and the Boards of Management in those three schools for entrusting me with leadership responsibilities, accountabilities which I hope I delivered to the highest standards.

I am very grateful to Shay Downes, Chairperson of the Board of Management and to all Board members I have worked with in Listowel. They all give so generously of their time to ensure that our school continues to be one that operates to the highest standards of student care and academic excellence, while honouring the tradition of education that Nano Nagle established.

I have been blessed to lead a dedicated and caring team of educators. I offer my sincere thanks to retired Deputy Principal Margaret Walsh and to the current Deputy Principal Marguerite Linnane, to teachers and SNA's both retired and present, to the wonderful office staff including retired office staff member Geraldine O'Donovan, and finally to Johnny Ryan, our Caretaker.

I have genuinely appreciated the support and engagement of parents, guardians, students and the local Primary Schools over the past seven years.

I am very grateful to the young women in this school who have inspired me to appreciate the joy and sense of fulfilment that comes from working with young people.

We have all worked together to deliver a wonderful future for the school with excellent enrolments, the building of the €2.5 million extension and the recruitment of committed staff.

I wish each of you every blessing.

With sincere thanks and gratitude

***Eileen Kennelly***