



22nd March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that this communication finds you well. We are writing to you with an update regarding our permanent accommodation.

Last week we held meetings here on campus with Ivana Bacik and Chris Andrews to outline our concerns around the tender pause for our permanent accommodation.

Over the past two weeks, both An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Education, Norma Foley indicated that they hoped to have the matter resolved by Easter.

Yesterday, the Taoiseach was encouraging in his reply to a question from Ivana Bacik on this matter. Please see below transcript

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/dail/2023-03-21/speech/65/>.

There are also a number of parliamentary questions in to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Expenditure to try to ascertain when exactly funding will come through and when construction will commence for our school.

Both Ivana Bacik and Chris Andrews noted the large amount of correspondence they had received from our parent body. As a school, we are hugely appreciative of your support. It is making a huge difference in ensuring that this matter gets the attention that it deserves at the very highest level and that we get the required action.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to reach out to one of our local TDs, we would really appreciate if you could make contact with them by Friday 31st March. The more pressure that we can exert at this point, the greater chance we have of getting the outcome which our school community need and deserve. In this instance, individual emails/letters from individual constituents carry much more weight than a petition approach.

Contact details for some of our local TDs are below. As soon as we receive further information from the Department of Education, we will be in communication with you.

- Chris Andrews - Chris.Andrews@oireachtas.ie
- Ivana Bacik - Ivana.Bacik@oireachtas.ie
- Jim O' Callaghan - Jim.OCallaghan@oireachtas.ie
- Eamon Ryan - Eamon.Ryan@oireachtas.ie

Thank you again for your continued support.
It is hugely appreciated.

Kind regards,
Pádraig Conaty
Principal

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Deputy Principal