

# St. Conleth's College

## School Self-Evaluation

### A report on our Student and Parent Survey Responses



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We would like to thank our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students and the parents of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years for their very constructive feedback to our survey. The students were asked a range of questions concerning

- The school in general
- Assessment and learning
- Literacy
- Numeracy

The parents were asked about their interactions with and impressions of the school.

The purpose of these surveys was to inform our School Improvement Plans for 2017-18 and in this regard, they have been an extremely useful resource for us.

Each statement in both surveys was posed positively so the more “Strongly agree” or “Agree” responses we received, the better. It is very encouraging to see that for the students, the top 5 most agreed with statements were:

- I feel safe in this school.
- I am proud to say that I'm a pupil at this school.
- All my teachers encourage me to explain and justify my answers.
- I am encouraged by all my teachers to reflect on where I went wrong and learn from my mistakes.
- I feel that bullying is managed well in this school.

The statements where students disagreed or strongly disagreed indicate where we need to focus our improvement efforts.

- All my teachers use the same words when they are explaining similar mathematical concepts.
- I get the opportunity to present my work using tables, graphs and words in all of my subjects.
- I am encouraged to estimate answers before carrying out calculations in all of my classes.
- My fellow students often assess pieces of work that I have done.
- I am encouraged to use ICT (phone, tablet, laptop, computer) to support and deepen my learning in all of my subjects.

Our targets for next year will include improving ICT use in class, encouraging students to correct each other's work and emphasising mathematical principles underpinning tables, graphs and estimations across multiple subjects.

On the parents' responses, the top 5 most agreed with statements were:

- I sign my child's school journal each week.
- I am aware of the code of behaviour / school rules.
- Management of students is good in the school.
- Teaching is good in the school.
- School reports give me a good picture of how my child is doing.

We were pleased to see some very positive responses from parents who had a long experience with the school but also from the parents who were interacting with our school community for the first time in 2016-17.

Some parents felt that communication with the school could be improved and that their sons and daughters were getting too many free classes. We are investigating ways to address these issues and will communicate these at the start of the new school year.