

**Joint official statement from Boards of Management
of St Angela's NS and St Patrick's BNS**

The Boards of Management of two Castlebar town primary schools, St Angela's NS and St Patrick's BNS, have given consent to an initial process of consultation involving all stakeholders from both school communities.

The purpose of this consultation is to gather information, seek opinions and establish what is necessary to enhance the future development of the two schools. The aim is to provide the best educational experience for their existing and prospective students.

The consultation will involve input from all stakeholders - Boards of Management, staff, parents, school Patron and the Department of Education & Skills. Any decisions including the possible restructuring of both schools to provide for co-education will only be taken following wide and meaningful consultation with all parties involved.

Both schools have a great tradition and reputation for providing wonderful, holistic, educational experiences for their pupils in a safe and caring environment. It is a priority that the high standards of education which have been their hallmark over many years are maintained and this will be central to the upcoming process.

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