

**Joint Statement of the Boards of Management of
St Patrick's BNS and St Angela's NS, June 4th 2021**

Each Board of Management at its meeting of June 3rd, 2021 endorsed the following recommendation of the Steering Committee set up in 2019 comprising of representatives of the following stakeholders - Boards of Management, parents, staff and school management.

Having considered all options on how to plan for the best possible educational provision for the children of the Castlebar community who opt to attend primary education under Catholic Patronage now and into the future the Steering Committee recommends for the following reasons:

- 1. provision of coeducation*
- 2. provision of the best possible educational facilities to serve the pupils, families, community and stakeholders of Castlebar*
- 3. to enable the bringing together in one school the best traditions, cultures, facilities etc from the two existing schools*
- 4. to provide one strong school of Catholic ethos, building on the traditions of both schools*
- 5. greater sharing of the excellent expertise and experience that exists between the staffs*
- 6. to enable the sharing of existing resources and developing these into the future*

the amalgamation of St. Angela's NS & St. Patrick's BNS into a single co-educational primary school from September 1st 2022, operating from two campuses with a view to operating from a single site in the earliest possible time frame.

Communication will now take place with the Patron and the Department of Education regarding the recommendation of the Boards of Management.

The ongoing process will require further detailed planning and input from all the stakeholder groups to ensure that the new school is established in a cohesive and collaborative manner.

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Date: June 4th 2021