

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Re: Permanent Accommodation Update**

Dear Parent, Guardian, Carer,

We hope that this letter finds you all well. We are writing to update you on our permanent accommodation.

Firstly, we would like to express our immense appreciation and thanks to all of our parents, guardians and carers who were so proactive and supportive in contacting our local representatives.

We have been inundated with communications from our local T.Ds and Councillors. The issue has repeatedly been brought to the attention of the Minister for Education and her officials via Parliamentary Questions and individual enquiries and our patron, Educate Together have met with the Design and Build Unit within the Department to highlight our frustration and concerns.

On foot of this, the Department of Education have recently contacted us to outline that tender returns for our school's permanent accommodation have been received and the analysis and review is at a very advanced stage.

The Department view our school project as a flagship project for our local school community and have outlined that given the magnitude of this large-scale investment, the tender evaluation process takes a significant amount of time for the Department's technical staff and project management team to adequately and appropriately analyse.

The Department have reiterated that they are extremely conscious of the urgency in getting our school project delivered as quickly as possible and have sought to reassure us that the school project is being prioritised and that the delay is not down to any issue with the tender process itself, more so, due to the scale of work involved.

Once the tender process concludes mid-2024, our understanding is that construction will commence shortly thereafter with a projected build time of 88 weeks.

We will continue to keep you updated as and when we receive more information from the Department.

Finally, thank you for helping us to ensure that our school project remains a top priority for the Department.

It was parent power that willed our school into being and it is with your continued help that our permanent school will be delivered for our students and school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Padraig Conaty,

Principal/Secretary to Board of Management