



# Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may recall that in my letter of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016, I referred to the fact that "the *Lansdowne Road Agreement (LRA)*, which incorporates provision for the delivery of 'Croke Park' hours, .... has not been accepted by both of the second-level teacher unions. As *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* is a dual union school, the situation regarding the delivery of 'Croke Park' hours during the forthcoming academic year is currently uncertain. It is in this context that the enclosed calendar for 2016/2017 is designated as 'provisional' i.e. the calendar makes provision for the delivery of particular 'Croke Park' hours and as such it may be subject to change depending on how the teacher union/government situation develops over time". It was also for this reason that the school calendar included in page 3 of the Student Journal was designated as "provisional ....may be subject to change".

As you may be aware, *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* was opened for a 'Staff Planning' day on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016. At this point in time, in the absence of final resolution of the aforementioned teacher union/Government dispute, which involves agreement on the delivery of 'Croke Park' hours (as mentioned above), that Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, currently constitutes a school day in the academic calendar. The upshot of this is that *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* now has a discretionary day in the '16/'17 calendar for school closure. I am now informing you that a decision has been made that the school will be **closed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016** in lieu of being open on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your co-operation and understanding in relation to same.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Healy  
Principal