



Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to draw your attention again to my letter of 20th June 2016, where 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 teacher unions. As *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* is a dual union school,...the (school) 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”. At this point in time, the teacher union/government dispute relating to the LRA remains unresolved. You should be aware that Circular Letter (CL) M58/04 makes provision in the school calendar for the delivery of a maximum of **three** P/T meetings outside of school time while the remaining P/T meetings normally occur outside of school time if they are designated as ‘Croke Park’ hours.

However, in the absence of ‘Croke Park’ hours, any outstanding P/T meetings i.e. those in excess of the three governed by CL M58/04, must occur within school time. We have already had three P/T meetings and as *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* is a dual union school, we cannot hold any further P/T meetings outside of school time, hence the 2nd year P/T meeting on Tuesday 31st January and the TY/5th year P/T meeting on Monday 6th February must now, regrettably, be brought within school time.

Accordingly, *Coláiste Pobail Bheanntíraí* has amended its provisional school calendar.

Please note that **classes will finish at 12:15pm for ALL STUDENTS on the 31st January and the 6th of February 2017.**

The new starting times for these Parent/Teacher Meetings is outlined below:-

Tuesday, 31st January 2017, 1pm – 3:30pm : - 2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meeting

Monday, 6th February 2017, 1pm – 3:30pm : - TY/5th Year Parent/Teacher Meeting.

Please arrange to have your child collected at this time. School buses will operate from 12:15pm on both afternoons.

I wish to thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter and apologies for any inconvenience that the above change of times may cause.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Healy
Principal