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Dear Parents,

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In recent years, as a society, we have become very aware of the problem of child abuse through neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse.

Each one of us has a duty to protect children and 'Children First', the National Guidelines, for the Protection and Welfare of Children noted that teachers, who are the main care givers to children outside the family, are particularly well placed to observe and monitor children for signs of abuse.

In response to this, the Department of Education and Skills published procedures for all schools in relation to child protection and welfare. These guidelines promote the safety and welfare of all children and are to be welcomed.

The Board of Management of Kiltale NS has adopted these guidelines as school policy. Consequently, if school staff suspect or are alerted to possible child abuse, they are obliged to refer this matter to the Health Service Executive (HSE). The HSE will then assess the situation and provide support for the child concerned.

Children First, the National Guidelines for the Protection of Children may be assessed on the website of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (www.dcyh.ie) and the Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Procedures can be read on the Department's website (www.education.ie). Parents are also welcome to look through the guidelines here at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen O'Reilly,
Principal.

Board of Management (BOM) – New board member. Mr. John Donoghue is replacing Mr. Michael McDonagh on the board to complete this term. Mr. Donoghue was the next highest in votes from the election in 2015.

School Policies - The following policies were reviewed and ratified at the September BOM meeting:-

- Child Protection
- Critical Incidents
- Anti-bullying
- Health & Safety

Parents Association – The AGM was held last week and they were unsuccessful in electing a new committee.

First Communion Meeting – Will be held in Kiltale NS on Thursday 12th October at 7pm for parents of 2nd class children wishing to enrol for First Holy Communion.

"Guess the Score" – The winner of our "Guess the Score" of the All-Ireland Football Championship Final between *Dublin 1-17* & *Mayo 1-16* on Sunday 17th September was *John Dillon* line sold by *Caolinn Murray* in 4th class.



Cross Country Running Competition – Training began this week. At break times children wishing to participate must have a change of shoes and socks for running on the grass.