



Dear Principal,

I am pleased to be writing to you today to let you know that your school is receiving a Cineáltas flag and a Cineáltas poster.

This flag acknowledges the good work that your school is already doing and will do to prevent and address bullying and to promote kindness, respect, inclusion, diversity and wellbeing.

It is my hope that the Cineáltas flag will serve as a visible national symbol of our shared commitment to be kind and to work together to prevent and address bullying.

You may wish to celebrate your Cineáltas flag with your school community and have a flag raising or display ceremony during anti-bullying week, 13-17 November 2023.

You may be aware of Cineáltas, our action plan to prevent and address bullying. Cineáltas contains 61 actions which when implemented will help us work towards a diverse, inclusive Irish society free from bullying in all its forms and where individual difference is valued and celebrated.

As part of the implementation of Cineáltas we will be publishing updated Bí Cineálta procedures for schools to prevent and address bullying in the coming months with training being made available for all school staff, parents and board of management members.

I also want to let you know that we will be holding a Cineáltas showcase event near the end of this school year to celebrate the good work that our school communities are doing. We will be randomly selecting schools to showcase exemplary practice in preventing and addressing bullying and promoting equality, inclusion and diversity. We will also be seeking nominations of individuals or groups who through their personal leadership, participation, or achievements have made an outstanding contribution to preventing and addressing bullying and promoting equality, inclusion and diversity in their school community.

I would like to express my thanks to you and your school community for your support with this important work.

Yours sincerely,

Norma Foley TD  
Minister for Education