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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

KiVa Anti-Bullying Programme.



All staff members undertook training in KiVa on Wednesday 17th September 2025. Everyone in attendance saw the benefit for everyone in our school community of participating in this programme. We are all looking forward to getting started and we would appreciate your support throughout this process.

What is KiVa: The KiVa Anti-Bullying Programme is an evidence-based programme developed at the University of Turku in Finland. It has been implemented in Ireland since 2019, along with a number of countries across Europe, South America, and New Zealand. We are joining a number of schools in Meath who are using the KiVa anti-bullying programme for our 2025/26 school year.

How does it work: The goals of the KiVa Anti-Bullying Programme are:

- 1) to prevent bullying behaviour
- 2) to effectively tackle bullying behaviour cases, and
- 3) to minimise the negative effects of bullying behaviour.

Please [click here](#) for their Parents' Guide on the KiVa Anti-Bullying Programme.

Launch Night - We will be having a special night in the school launching our participation in this very worthwhile programme. The success of this programme is dependent on the cooperation and support of everyone in the school community - pupils, all school staff, parents, Board of Management and the wider members of the community. Details of this launch night will be confirmed in due course.



Bullying is an issue that could potentially have lifelong consequences.

We are proud to be a KiVa School, where bullying in any form will **NOT** be tolerated.

Our school motto reflects this **Kind Hands, Kind Words, Kind Feet.**

Please talk to your child about the importance of being kind to others at all times and respecting difference. This means that we recognise, accept and value the individual traits, skills, abilities and needs of every child and adult in our community. This practice will help us to promote a more just and tolerant society for the benefit of all within. As stated in our recently updated Bí Cinealta Policy, our golden rule is **"So always treat others as you would like them to treat you."**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Colin McElroy,
Principal,

Orla Dunne,
Acting Deputy Principal,

Maura Dineen
Chairperson Board of Management.