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Dear Parent 22 May 2018

Board of Governors 2018-2022

Our current Board of Governors' term of office concludes in June 2018. Under the able leadership of *Mr Geoffrey Perrin* the governors voluntarily spend many long evenings working for the good of the children and staff. Their leadership is second to none. Sadly, after 7 terms of office, Geoffrey has decided to step down. I wish to formally place on record my sincere personal and professional thanks for all that Geoffrey has contributed to this school over his 29 years. His wisdom and guidance have ensured the continued improvement of our school. *Mr Jon Cockroft* has also stood down from his position on our Board. Once again we will miss his vast knowledge and valuable contribution from our meetings. We wish him well in his new post within the EA. We are grateful that the other governors will carry on with their respective roles. *Mrs Lisa Scott* and *Mrs Nadine Kirk* were the successful candidates after our recent parents' meeting. It is encouraging that all 9 governors will be current parents or parents whose children have been formerly pupils at Academy.

Appointed by the EA: Mr R Edwards & Mr R Gallagher (to be confirmed)

Appointed by the Transferors:

1st Saintfield Presbyterian ChurchMrs L Fleming2nd Saintfield PresbyterianMr P ShawSaintfield ParishRev C PollockTrinity PresbyterianRev J Hyndman

Elected by the Parents: Mrs L Scott & Mrs N Kirk

Elected by the Teaching Staff: Mrs K Kennedy

Secretary: Mr S Moore Minutes Secretary: Mr R Fegan

Spanish (P1-6)

You are warmly invited to our Spanish Celebration on Tuesday 5 June at 1315 for P1-3 and at 1400 *[note change of time from 1415]* for P4-7. As all Spanish tuition is additional to core class teaching and is paid for by the school, we are asking for a £2 donation for attendance payable at the door.

Post Primary School Allocations

In a year group of 56 pupils, 83% who sat AQE / GL obtained a grammar school place. 89% of pupils obtained their first choice of school. The children have been placed in the following 9 post primary schools:

Assumption Down High Friends School High School B'hinch MCB

Our Lady and St Patrick's Saintfield High Victoria College Wellington College

AQE/GL

41 completed application forms were returned to AQE HQ on Monday 15 May 2018. I am aware that a number of others have posted their child's application directly. Any parents considering GL for their child should firstly inform the school of their intentions and as there is no overarching body for GL I would secondly suggest that children sit the test in Assumption Grammar. Forms are available directly from the school / school website.

School Fund 2017-18

Just a reminder for parents that chose termly payments of £10, that the final instalment, is now due.

PTO

Dates for Your Diary

May 23-24 P5 Residential Trip to Castlewellan

May 25 & 28 School is closed for an ECD on Friday 25 and a holiday on Monday 28 May 31 /June 1 Nursery & P1 (September 2018) Parents' Evening / Open Day as notified

June 5 Spanish Celebration 1400

June 9 PTA Spring Fair June 15 Sports Day

June 28 P7 Leavers' Service 0915

June 29 School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1300

Yours sincerely

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