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## Further November Updates

11th November 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Please find attached information on a number of areas:

### 1. School Closure Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

We have been notified that there will be no electricity on this date. As we will have no heating, lighting or power for interactive whiteboards available, the school will be closed on this date.

### 2. Department of Education Survey on the Future of Primary Education

The Department of Education has issued a consultation process on the future of primary education in Ireland. They are looking for feedback from existing parents, school staff, and board of management members. Please find the letter for you to access the survey attached to this email.

### 3. Erasmus + St. Patrick's N.S. Outdoor Learning & Risky Play Study

A summary of the Erasmus + outdoor learning and risky play study that took place as part of our implementation of the project has been published. It has collated data from the views of parents, children and staff and is available on our school website [www.slanens.ie/useful-information/publications](http://www.slanens.ie/useful-information/publications) It is also attached. Schools from Meath, Kildare and Dublin continue to visit us to see the results of the project here to implement it in their own schools.

### 4. Parents' Association Voluntary Social Media and Smartphone Agreement 2025-2026

Please also find below, the results of the P. A. social media and smartphone agreement for this school year. Many thanks to all families who participated in the survey.

#### 2025-2026 Results

Class	Signed up to Smartphone Agreement	Signed up to Social Media Agreement
Junior Infants	82%	79%
Senior Infants	68%	68%
First Class	71%	68%
Second Class	88%	88%
Third Class	68%	65%
Fourth Class	48%	55%
Fifth Class	51%	49%
Sixth Class	30%	33%
All	63%	63%

\*Note: This reflects the proportion of parents/ guardians in each class who supported the agreements, including those who did not respond to the survey.

### 5. Principal Report to St. Patrick's N.S. Parents' Association

I attend the Parents' Association meeting at their invitation and share a report on all activities ongoing in the school. The report is uploaded on our website [www.slanens.ie](http://www.slanens.ie) for all parents to access. All previous reports are [here](#)

Kind regards,

Paul O'Donnell Principal and Board of Management Secretary



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