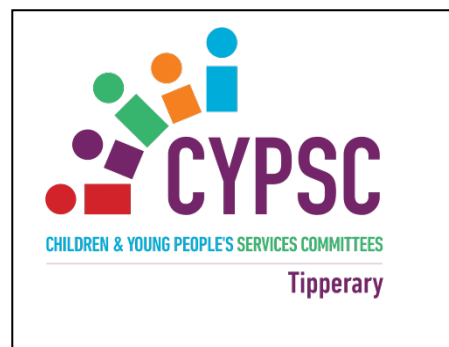


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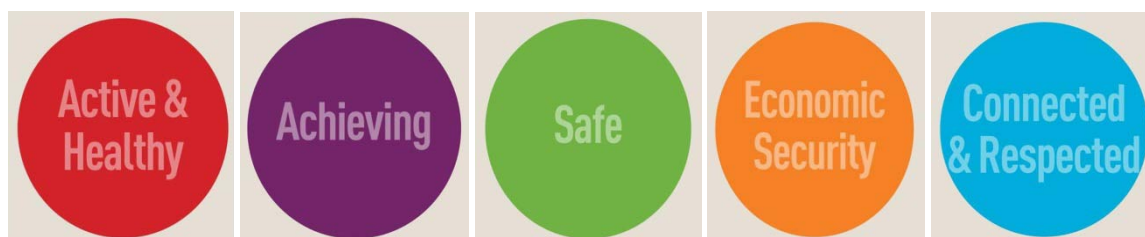
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With the assistance of the Irish Primary Principals' Network (IPPN) we are emailing you this letter requesting your school's voluntary participation in an on-line CYPSC survey with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class children in your school. Tomás O' Slatara, former principal of Grange National School, is the current IPPN representative for TCYPSC.

Tipperary Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (TCYPSC) is a newly established all-county committee that brings together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to children and young people. It provides a forum for joint planning and co-ordination of activity to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services. The school sector is represented on the CYPSC by 3 representatives respectively from the Irish Primary Principals Network, the National Association of Principals & Deputy Principals, and Tipperary Education & Training Board.

We are currently developing our first strategic plan. As a first step we have commissioned external support through Susan Bookle of Burtenshaw Kenny Associates, to work with us to gather the views of children (aged 4-12) in our county. We want to hear their views regarding- what is positive about being a child and what improvements can be made across five outcome areas which form the framework of the plan:

- Active and healthy with physical and mental well being
- Achieving their full potential in all areas of learning and development
- Safe and protected from harm
- Have economic security and opportunity
- Connected, respected and contributing to the world.



### **How we aim to gather children's views**

We aim to gather a cross section of children's views across Tipperary representing the different cultural, socio economic and geographic experiences of our children. We are gathering views both within and outside of school settings. A range of research methods are being used, which are age appropriate including- art, focus groups, questionnaires. We commenced the project in January and aim to have it completed by the end of April 2016.

## **Our request**

As part of the consultation, we are conducting an anonymised on-line survey with children throughout the county. It consists of questions about age, gender identity, name of nearest big town, best & worst things about being a child in Tipperary, any desired changes, and of overall view as to Tipperary being a good place for a child to live in. The responses are tick boxes and completion of the survey would take no more than between 5 and 10 minutes.

We are requesting that you would bring the details of the web-link to the survey monkey to the attention of children in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Classes in your school. The children can complete the survey within the school or can do so at home with their parents' knowledge. A letter to parents is included at the end of this letter for distribution to parents. Use of the parental permission slip may depend on your decision whether the child completes the survey at home or in school. The web-link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tipp2016> . A copy of the survey questions is also attached for your information.

## **Next Steps**

The overall research document, which Susan Bookle will produce, will collate the responses to this survey with other findings to present the overall views of children in Tipperary. The results of the research will be made available to all schools on the Tipperary CYPSC website to be developed over the Summer.

We would very much appreciate your school's and parental support for this important project. Please contact me for any further information or clarifications.

Kind Regards

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