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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: The Establishment of a new Post-Primary School in Carpenterstown/Castleknock, 2017

The Department of Education and Skills has recently announced that it will open a new second-level school in the Carpenterstown/Castleknock, Dublin 15 area in September, 2017. The new school is required due to significant demographic growth in both areas. The Department of Education and Skills has not yet identified a site for the new school, but the school will be open in September, 2017.

Parents/Guardians currently do not have the choice of a Catholic, non-fee paying, co-educational second-level school in the Carpenterstown/Castleknock area.

The Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST) is currently patron of 95 schools in Ireland, 60 of which are second-level schools. ERST is committed to promoting full personal and social development in caring Christian communities of learning and teaching. Details of our ethos and mission, as well as our schools, are available in the attached Parent's Guide and on our website, www.erst.ie. ERST is proposing to offer parents/guardians in the Carpenterstown and Castleknock areas the choice of a non-fee paying, Catholic, co-educational second-level school.

Parents/guardians with children in First Class to Fifth Class, living in the Carpenterstown/Castleknock area, are invited to complete and sign the 'Expressions of Interest' form for their preferred option for this new second level school. These expressions of interest are not commitments but a demonstration of interest required by the Department of Education and Skills.

At the meeting in Diswellstown Community Centre for parents and Boards of Management on Monday 23rd May, ERST outlined its vision for a new Catholic second-level school for the area. A significant level of support was evident at this meeting.

If you are a parent or guardian of children from First to Fifth Class, inclusive, and have an interest in an Edmund Rice Schools Trust second level school for the Carpenterstown/Castleknock area, please ensure that you complete the attached 'Expression of Interest' form and return it to your school. Alternatively, you can email a scanned signed copy to reception@erst.ie or post it to our offices by Friday 3rd June, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Bennett
Chief Executive