



Dean Maguire College

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are very aware, the pupil population in Dean Maguire College continues to grow annually but unfortunately the necessary accommodation to match such an increase is not forthcoming. Such is due to the Catholic Council for Maintained Schools (CCMS), our employing authority, refusing to support us as an expanding school.

On-going requests to get a new 'Admissions Number' and 'Enrolment Number' for Dean Maguire College have been turned down by CCMS who continue to see us as a school having 80 pupils in Year 8 and an overall enrolment of 440 pupils. Such contrasts greatly with the numbers over the last few years, culminating in 121 pupils entering Year 8 last September and a present enrolment of 611 pupils.

Even with such figures there is no desire by CCMS to have an approved post primary school of 600 pupils in this part of Co. Tyrone. Indeed, their support for us over the years has been minimal and recent and on-going refurbishments has come about as a result of us having direct contact with the Department of Education.

We are now at a stage that we again are liaising with CCMS as well as Archbishop Eamon Martin in pursuing the case that our school be given the status of at least a 600 pupil school which will also include the acceptance of at least 100 pupils in Year 8.

Such would yield further accommodation and prevent the present situation we now face, that of having possibly to refuse admission to more than thirty P7 pupils. It is difficult to comprehend that Dean Maguire College as a member of the Catholic Family of Schools who plays such a role within its community has been treated in such a manner by CCMS and its Trustees.

I will keep you updated on how this develops and as always I thank you for your on-going support and co-operation for us here at 'The Dean'.

Yours sincerely,

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