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Dear Parent & Guardians,

The enactment of the Children First Act 2015 now places statutory obligations on specific groups of professionals, including registered teachers, and on organisations, such as schools that provide services to children.

In order to meet these new statutory obligations under the Act and to ensure the continued implementation of best practice new Child Protection Procedures have been issued. These new procedures give direction and guidance to school authorities and to school personnel.

There is a requirement in the Procedures that all school personnel and Board of Management member have the necessary familiarity with these procedures to ensure that they fulfil their child protection responsibilities.

Schools have been permitted two separate half-day closures during the 2017 /2018 school year to allow time as a school community to engage with the revised procedures and to access the support available.

Therefore on Wednesday, 7th February next, F.C.J. Bunclody will close at 12.30pm. I have selected Wednesday to coincide with the half –day closure taken every Wednesday by Bunclody Vocational school. The means that the buses will run to facilitate these closures.

I apologise for the disruption this may cause for you and your family but FCJ Bunclody must comply with the directive issued by the D.E.S. in the best interests of the safety and protection of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Threadgold
Principal

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