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Dear P7 parents,

As you will have heard through the news media, there will now be no AQE or GL tests this year. Each post primary school must now decide which criteria they will use to select their pupils. These will be published on the 2nd February. Individual schools may approach this in different manners:

- Some schools may use non-academic criteria such as siblings already attending the school.
- Others may use some form of academic criteria such as a child's achievements in tests taken in primary school, for example, the child's most recent PTE / PTM scores.

Please be assured that we will provide whatever information is required. Our children have worked hard throughout their time at school, not just P7. Their achievements across all years have been strong. While they will naturally be disappointed at not being able to demonstrate their achievements in a test this year, they are still in a strong position moving forward.

In the meantime, I will be studying carefully, as they are released, the criteria to be used by each school. I will consider how each individual child will be affected by these criteria and, in advance of applications being made, will give advice to all parents. Our teachers will continue to work with the children. Now that we know there will be no tests we can move forward preparing the children for their next school, building their confidence further, identifying and addressing any gaps in children's understanding of key concepts, continuing to provide high quality teaching and learning, wither face to face or remotely, and helping the children to develop further the skills of working independently.

Please get in touch with me should you have any questions or concerns that we have not addressed.

Best wishes

M Dillon

Principal