

Scoil Chaitríona



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to let you know that I will be stepping down as Principal of Scoil Chaitríona at the end of this school year.

Having spent 11 wonderful years in this school, first as a teacher and then as principal, this has been one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. It was not something I expected to do at this point in my journey, but after careful thought, I've made the decision for family reasons. The long commute and time spent away from home have become increasingly difficult, and I know it's the right time to make a change that allows me to work closer to home and be closer to my own young family.

Scoil Chaitríona has never just been a workplace to me – it has been a home away from home. The school community here is truly something special. We are blessed with wonderful children who brighten each day with their energy, humour, and kindness. It has been an honour to teach them, lead them, and watch them grow into such fine young people.

I've also been very fortunate to work with a group of parents who have supported the school in every way imaginable. Thank you for your trust, your warmth, and for the strong partnership we've built in supporting your children together.

And of course, none of this would be possible without the exceptional team of staff at Scoil Chaitríona. They are more than colleagues – they are like family. Their dedication, compassion, and tireless commitment to the children and to one another is what makes this school the heart of the community that it is. I take great comfort in knowing I'm leaving the school in such safe and capable hands. I have complete faith in the team behind me and absolutely no worries about the future of the school – it will continue to flourish.

While it's very difficult to say goodbye to a place and a community that has meant so much to me, Ballyshannon and Scoil Chaitríona in particular, will always have a special place in my heart. I leave with immense pride in what we've achieved together and lasting gratitude for the memories, the friendships, and the sense of belonging I've felt every day here.

Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart.

Warmest wishes,

John Carr

Principal