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Re: ASPIRE Project (Shared Education).

Dear parents/guardians,

We are excited to inform you about an upcoming initiative that our P1, P4/P5 and P7 classes will be participating in — the ASPIRE Project. This new scheme will replace the Shared Education Programme and will continue the strong partnership and solid link that we have established with Knockevin.

The ASPIRE Project is a shared education initiative funded through PEACEPLUS. Shared Education involves direct, sustained, curriculum-based contact between pupils and teachers from all backgrounds, facilitated through collaboration between schools and settings from different sectors. The aims of this initiative are to promote good relations, enhance children's skills, change attitudes and contribute to a more cohesive society.

This multi-year, cross-border partnership is led by the Education Authority in collaboration with Early Years, the National Childhood Network, Léargas and the Fermanagh Trust. The overall objective of the project is to increase the number of children, educators and leaders engaged in sustained partnerships with those from different backgrounds.

Our students will be meeting regularly through a series of cross-curricular lessons and trips from January to June 2025. Parents will be notified by their class teachers of any upcoming trips, and photos of the children's experiences will be shared on social media. We believe this project will provide valuable experiences and learning opportunities for our children.

We look forward to your support and participation in making the ASPIRE Project a success.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Doyle (ASPIRE Project Lead).