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**River Valley, Swords, Co Dublin.**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It is with sadness that we bid fond farewell to our Principal of 15 years, Mr Mark Cunningham. Mark has announced his intention to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Mark has been with us since the school opened in 1982, both as a teacher and Principal.

As a teacher, Mark's classroom was a happy and busy place where he ensured that each child was encouraged and supported to achieve, both in an educational and personal context.

As a leader, he has guided the school through the huge changes which have occurred in the educational landscape. His infectious enthusiasm, together with a cheerful, good humoured and inclusive approach has motivated the staff and wider school community to ensure that the school is at the forefront of best educational practice. However, Mark never lost sight of the core function of our school which is to ensure that each and every child in Holy Family J.N.S. receives the best possible education in a safe and happy environment.

Mark is highly respected not only by pupils, parents and staff here in River Valley but also within the wider education community. We extend our grateful appreciation to Mark for his many years of hard work, commitment and dedication to Holy Family J.N.S. His warm and charming personality and ready smile will be missed.

We wish Mark every blessing for the future and thank him most sincerely for his long years of dedicated service to our school.

Mr Declan Power has been appointed Principal to replace Mark from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The changeover will be seamless thanks to the hands-on approach of Declan throughout the years. We wish him all the best in his new role.

Yours sincerely,

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Margaret O'Neill  
Chairperson

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017