



Diocese of Clogher



PRESS RELEASE

Friday 23 April, 2021

Memorial of St George, Martyr

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Attn: Newsdesks, Photodesks and Religious Affairs Correspondents

Important information for Parents and Guardians of Primary Six pupils in relation to Transfer 2022-23 in the Fermanagh / South West Tyrone area.

The Trustees, Boards of Governors and Principals of Mount Lourdes Grammar School and St. Michael's College have considered the impact of school closures on our local community. They recognise that there has been significant disruption to the education of pupils since March 2020, and understand that there may be further disruption for children throughout the remainder of the 2021-22 academic year and beyond. The respective Boards of Governors are particularly aware of the impact of school closure on the current P6 pupils who were also affected by school closure as P5 pupils.

The Boards of Governors and Principals of Mount Lourdes Grammar School and St. Michael's College have agreed, in light of the current circumstances, that neither school will use outcomes from the GL Entrance Assessment as part of their Admissions Criteria for the academic year 2022-23. Pupils applying to these schools will not be required to provide a GL Entrance Assessment result.

The suspension of the use of GL Entrance Assessment outcomes for the 2022-23 academic year is specifically in response to the circumstances which the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented.

Mount Lourdes and St. Michael's will temporarily amend their Admissions Criteria for the 2022-23 academic year accordingly. Each school's Admissions Criteria will be published by the Education Authority (EA) according to its normal timetable.

Both schools remain committed to Catholic Ethos with a focus on pastoral care and high quality learning and teaching. Those who would normally apply to be admitted to each individual school are encouraged to continue to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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