



# Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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To the Parents & Guardians of St Patrick's,

You may have seen me around the school in the past week, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stephen Rafferty, and I was a School Principal in Bangor, Co. Down, for 18 years, before taking early retirement in August 2025, moving into a Professional Associate role with CCMS (Council for Catholic Maintained Schools). You may be aware that your school Principal, Mrs Gorman, is currently off on sick-leave. In light of this, CCMS have asked me to come to St Patrick's and take up the position of Interim Principal to cover this absence.

I have been at St Patrick's for a week now, and have been delighted by what I have found, polite, well-motivated children, and hard-working, dedicated staff who put the children first every day.

I look forward to meeting you in the weeks ahead as I work alongside Mrs McShane and the dedicated team here at St Patrick's Primary School.

Yours in good faith,

*Stephen Rafferty*

**SM Rafferty**

**Interim Principal**