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RE: Provision of Prefabs at Naas Community College

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I regret to inform you that the six prefabs that were expected to be on site for the start of the 2018/2019 Academic Year will not be in place until the Mid Term Break. There have been a number of factors beyond our control that have delayed the provision of these prefabs. However, Department of Education and Skills (DES) sanction has been secured, planning permission is in place, a contractor has been appointed and thus work will begin very soon.

In order to ensure that all our students are educated in our current building, I have come up with the following temporary measures to secure the necessary educational spaces:

- The five 1st Year classes will be amalgamated into four classes of 30.
- The three TY classes will be amalgamated into two classes of 33.
- Education support classes will be curtailed. More team teaching will be implemented.
- One option line in TY will be suspended.
- The Gym will be divided into two educational spaces (An alternative plan for offsite PE provision will be communicated).
- Existing classrooms will be timetabled to 100% capacity (classrooms are usually timetabled to about 80% capacity to allow for meeting spaces, division of classes, supervision, unforeseen events, etc.).

These measures would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of Naas Community National School.

Once the prefabs are in place, all of these measures will be rescinded. We will return to classes of 24 pupils; we will reinstate all education support classes and option lines as originally planned; the Gym will return to PE use.

This delay is in no way connected to the build at Millennium Park. That project has moved through Pre-Qualification and a decision on a successful contractor is scheduled to be made by the DES before Christmas.

I am sure that you will be both frustrated and annoyed by this situation. I am keenly aware of what you expect from this school and I will ensure that this situation is resolved as quickly as possible.

I am confident in the flexibility and professionalism of our teachers at this school. I know that they will continue to provide top quality, imaginative and innovative education to your children notwithstanding the measures outlined above.

I believe that these measures will serve to ensure that your children are minimally affected, and that they will start, and continue, their education here in an orderly and safe fashion.

I will update you as this situation develops and I thank you in advance for your patience and support.
Yours sincerely

Ciarán Keegan