

What the Budget Cutbacks mean for St. Joseph's – in brief

- Substitution Cover for uncertified sick leave is suspended from January 1st ..
- Cover for school business is suspended from January 1st. This means no substitution cover for football/basketball/athletics/sporting outings/all school tours including TY Tour abroad already arranged and partly paid for/ Young Scientist Competition in January/CSPE outings/Geography Tour/outings to Museum etc. NO COVER FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES MEANS THEY CANNOT TAKE PLACE
- Increase in Pupil Teacher Ratio will mean the loss of an estimated **3.5 teaching jobs** in the school next year (2 because of loss of disadvantaged status and 1.5 because of increase in PTR)
- Post of Home School Community Liaison Coordinator is gone after this year.
- All supports provided to this school under DAS (Disadvantaged Area Status) are discontinued – €38 per pupil in disadvantaged grant (€12,836.33)/loss of 2 teaching posts/loss of €1900 for HSCL grant and loss of Book Scheme for needy pupils (€6,000).
- Book Rental Scheme for all pupils – we may not be able to continue with it.
- Loss of Science Grants (€12.70 per pupil), Home Economics Grant, Transition Year Grant (€100 per pupil) meaning €2100 this year etc.
- Special Needs equipment grant (€1,000) will be discontinued
- In all it is estimated school income will be down by up to €40,000
- Increased costs to Parents eg. Transport €300 per child, Examination Fees to rise by 8%,and schools will have to seek further monies from Parents for books/buses etc.
- **The biggest impact on this school will be substitution cover, the loss of 3.5 teaching posts, the loss of €40,000 at least and the greater demands to be made on Parents.**

St. Joseph's is a stand alone Secondary School and its numbers are expected to grow to 400 pupils in 3-4 years given present population trends.

We are now being asked to carry on with 3.5 teachers less/€40,000 less in the school budget/the loss of cover for sport and extra-curricular activities. The impact on services to students will be enormous and unfair.