

10<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**REF: REQUEST FOR TRAMORE GAELSCOIL TO MOVE TO BAND 1 STATUS**

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

Please find enclosed a letter in which the Parents Committee of Gaelscoil Philib Barún have outlined to Minister Cullen the need to have our school moved to Band 1 categorisation.

It is imperative at this time to move our application forward as should the government implement the progressive educational capital programme suggested recently by the Labour Party we would not be in a position to avail of the opportunity as we remain within Band 2 category. According to the Labour Party leader some "40,000 children go to school in damp, cold pre-fabs", our children are those described by Mr. Gilmore. Furthermore, Mr. Gilmore has called for the construction of 400 new schools. Often language is best utilised when brief and to put this bluntly, we want to be one of those schools that will be built in the near future.

As a resident of Tramore you will have noticed Deputy O'Shea that Gaelscoil Philip Barun remains the only primary school in Tramore without permanent buildings. The education of our children through Irish began 25 years ago, since then an additional primary school began in Tramore. Presently we are the only school completely dependent of pre-fabs. We cannot hope for a positive outcome unless we are moved to Band 1 status. I do hope you can assist us in this matter.