Killoughteen National School

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Dear Parent(s),

We hope that you enjoyed the Carol Service on Wednesday evening last. We are very proud of our pupils. They really did give it their all. *At the end of the night people were asked for a contribution towards the* ***purchase of a defibrillator*** *for the school community and* ***training*** *to be provided to all staff members.*

We are delighted to inform you that €1353.64 was collected on the night. We are now able with the money collected from the carol service and with the help of moneys raised by the Parent’s Association purchase the defibrillator and accessories, train all the staff, and provide an outdoor storage box so that the defibrillator will be available to the wider community.

We hope to have all this in situ, and have training completed by early January. I would like to thank all the staff for getting behind this initiative. All staff are volunteering their time enthusiastically to be trained appropriately.

It should be noted that sudden cardiac death does not discriminate. It can strike anyone, any time, any age, for any reason and no reason.

Out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rate is 1% without a defibrillator.

So, because you have raised money to purchase one, you are giving everyone in your school community and a 99% greater chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Sincere thanks to all parents and their relatives, community members and others for your generous support.

Le Gach Dea-Ghuí,

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Willie Curtin