

Planning Prompts 22nd May

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Voltaire was reportedly quoted as saying, *'Perfect is the enemy of the good.'* Waiting for a perfect outcome to anything will delay the delivery of perfectly good solutions. The fear of not meeting your own high standards can prevent you from moving forward. We all have flaws, make mistakes and get things wrong. However, when we let go of the need to be perfect, we experience a considerable reduction in stress. The Time to Think reflection may be helpful at this particularly stressful time of year.

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IPPN Leadership Support Team

Teaching & Learning

- Continue with preparations for planned Summer Programmes.
- Complete Standardised Testing and preparation of submission of results. Meet with class and support teachers to discuss results and possible implications for support teaching in new school year.
- Continue with Class Allocation Process. If necessary, contact the Leadership Support Team for support with the process.

BoM

- At a BoM meeting prior to summer holidays, agree a schedule of policies and procedures for review in the new school year. What documentation will Board members need when reviewing these policies? In light of the DE announcement with regard to pupil attendance and the school's existing Attendance Strategies, this may be one of the policies scheduled for review. See E-scéal for further information.
- Has a schedule of maintenance/building work been agreed over the upcoming holiday period? Who on the Board will support/oversee this work? A Risk Assessment may be needed in light of the work completed. A review of the Health Safety and Welfare Policy may then be necessary.

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Time to Think

*'Told by a musician that a particular piece was impossible to play, a conductor was said to have replied, "I'm not looking for someone to play it; I'm looking for someone to **try** to play it." Would that attitude make it easier to approach a demanding task today without wanting it to be perfect at it?'*

Pádraig Ó Moráin

What's on your list today or tomorrow that would become easier if you adopted that attitude?