



ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Principal **Paul Savage** | Deputy Principal **Patrick Traynor** | Deputy Principal **Jennifer Kelly**

15th April 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been offered an opportunity from Louth Gaelic Athletic Association to become an 'Academy School' for Gaelic football. Louth GAA have offered to work more closely with St. Joseph's in order to develop the standard of Gaelic Football at competition level with the aim to achieve "A" schools status and to compete more competitively nationally in the coming years. If this initiative takes off there will be an increased provision of Gaelic Football being taught during curriculum time, additional external coaches allocated to the school alongside a deliverance of TY Coaching Awards and upskilling of coaches in the school.

In order to fund this opportunity, we have been asked to raise €5,000 as a school which will in turn be matched by Louth GAA. If we manage to source this money the coaching programme would begin in May 2024 on a trial basis with the aim to roll it out fully in September 2024.

If your son/daughter plays Gaelic Football in the school and you foresee this as being a positive opportunity for our school, we are asking you or your company/business to make a donation to help fund the initiative. If you are in a position to donate please email info@droghedacbs.ie and one of our team will call you back.

Any business/company donations will be acknowledged as contributors to the "GAA Academy". The deadline for any contribution commitment is Friday 26th April 2024. We will make a decision following this date as to whether or not this initiative is financially viable. If we do not raise enough to run the program any monies collected or pledged will be refunded after the deadline date.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Savage.
Principal.