Dear Parents/Guardians,

*St Patrick’s NS* (*SPNS*) is affiliated to the *National Parents Council* (*NPC*). As

your Parents’ Association (PA) *NPC* representative, the *NPC* contact me in

relation to any upcoming talks, policies, information of interest to us parents,

etc. Their latest correspondence is in relation to their Special Interest Groups.

The *NPC* has **6 Special Interest Groups**, and every affiliated Parent PA has

one place held for them, on *each* of these groups. This effectively means that

there are 6 opportunities for parents of children in *SPNS* to have their voices

heard, in relation to topics, which are of specific concern to them and their

child/children.

Currently the Special Interest Groups represent parents/guardians of children:

1. With **Special Educational Needs**

2. From the **Migrant Community**

3. From the **Traveller Community**

4. In a ***Gaeltacht* or Irish medium School**

5. Of a **Minority Religion** (non-Roman Catholic)

6. Who are **Non-religious \*\***

The Special Interest Groups are a great opportunity *to promote parental*

*involvement* in *SPNS*, as the parents/guardians who attend these meetings

bring information back to our PA and therefore to the whole Parent Body. If

you would like to **NOMINATE YOURSELF TO JOIN/REPRESENT ANY OF**

**THESE *NPC* ‘SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS’**, please email your details to

Michelle at mdavern@npc.ie or phone 8874488.

**\*\*** The '**Non-religious**' group is a brand new group, representing parents/

guardians, who have no religion and/or are raising their children in a nonreligious

ethos. This group is meeting, for the first time, on Saturday, **16th May**

**2015** at **11AM**, in the ***NPC*’s Office**, (12 Marlborough Court, Marlborough

Street, Dublin 1 at **11am**). If you would like to find out more about this ‘**Nonreligious**’

group, attend this meeting or to nominate yourself as the ‘Nonreligious’

group rep, please email Karl O’Reilly at **koreilly@npc.ie** or phone

**8874471**.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our in school *NPC* talk: Supporting your

child’s Mental Health and Well-being” in SPNS, on **Monday 25th May**!

Kind regards and thanks,

Mary

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Secretary, *SPNS* PA *SPNS* PA *NPC* Rep and *NPC* NW Dublin Branch Assembly Rep.