



ST.FELIM'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Coill an Chollaigh,
Co. Cabhain
Roll No. 18564W

The Board of Management and the Parents Association of St Felim's NS, The Vale need your help. We are reaching out to all parents, past pupils, businesses and community members in an effort to raise funds to develop a new play surface at the school. We have a large grass area at the back of the school which is waiting to be developed. This area is only usable as a play surface in dry weather. The population of the school has grown considerably in recent years and play space is at a premium.

Following on from the very successful Emer's Evening which was hosted by Padraic and Lisa McIntyre, there is still a shortfall in funding to proceed with the new play surface. The Board of Management have exhausted every available avenue in an effort to seek funds from the Department of Education and other sources such as Clár Funding, and with a new classroom build imminent we are looking to the Vale School Community and our wider community to help us.

We would like you to 'Sponsor a Tree' in our school grounds at a cost of €50. The primary aim of our fundraiser is to fund the play surface. However, we also intend to use some of the funds raised to plant hedging, trees, shrubs and bulbs around the school. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the 'Sponsor a Tree Plaque' which will include the names of all participants. This will be on display inside the school. We intend to create a remembrance garden area on the grounds also. This may be an opportunity to remember a past pupil or loved one in a special way. Planting will commence in the autumn and on completion we will hold a tree planting ceremony. All those who have contributed will be welcome to visit the school on that day.

'Sponsor a Tree' is worthwhile on a number of levels. It is a well-known fact that planting trees and shrubs can help offset our carbon footprint. The addition of these trees, hedging and shrubs will be a valuable teaching and learning resource for the students and teachers in the school. The project will hopefully fulfil our goal of increasing the usable play surface for the children in our care. Please consider supporting this worthy cause. Thank you.

How to take part:

Participants will be asked to put their name on the attached form so that we can include your details on the plaque. These will be available on the school website www.thevalens.com, in the school office 042 9665605 or from members of the Parents Association. If you would like to pay in person please contact Catherine Cahill 086 6082663 or Helen Sheridan 089 4240969 or drop into the school. Those wishing to participate can also email the school on thevalens@outlook.ie Bank links and application forms will then be forwarded.

Time scale:

We are accepting contributions **immediately**. We hope to be in a position to start the new play surface during the summer months and would appreciate all contributions to be lodged on or before 30th June 2018. This will allow works to commence as soon as possible.

The Board of Management & The Parents Association



**'Sponsor a Tree'
Application Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Family/Business Names to appear on plaque: (limited to 50 characters)

Payment Details:

Cash

Payment made through Aladdin

Bank Transfer Details:

Bank Name Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan

Account Name St Felim's National School Current Account

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Please insert the word TREE in the end to end reference box. Thank you.