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We write today, before tomorrow's Parent/Teacher meeting to clarify the school's position in relation to the Junior Cycle English course and the examination which your daughter will sit in June 2017.

As part of the Reformed Junior Cycle which has been the subject of several years' development, the Junior Certificate is being replaced over time by a new Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. (JCPA)

This year, English is being taught as part of the JCPA and this unfortunately is tied up in the national union dispute. Teachers in voluntary secondary schools like ours are predominantly ASTI members. They have been directed by the union that, while they are to teach to the new specification, they are not to undertake Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) with their students. The CBAs account for 10% of this final examination mark. Therefore as things stand at present, our students, as it is a predominantly ASTI school, will not be participating in the CBAs.

We hope for a positive resolution in this current academic year, but while we await developments in this dispute, we will continue to provide the best possible educational experience and outcomes for your daughter. We believe that the students will not be adversely affected in relation to progressing to Leaving Certificate English as the Junior Certificate programme will have been completed in full.