***Happy Christmas and New Year to all staff***

***in KCETB offices, schools and centres***

As we come towards the end of 2020 it is important to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past year and on what we are grateful for as it draws to a close.

2020 has been a year when we have faced unprecedented challenges and have had to adapt to many changes. The pandemic has presented us all with new challenges both personally and professionally. We in Kilkenny and Carlow ETB have been working together to meet these challenges in order to continue our education and training services to our students and to keep everyone safe and well.

We could not have done this without the help of our leadership and staff teams throughout the organisation to whom I extend my deepest gratitude.

In the spirit of Christmas and on behalf of Kilkenny and Carlow ETB I extend best wishes to each one of you in particular those who have been affected by COVID 19 either personally or through family members. We remember also those members of staff whom we lost during the year and those throughout our organisation who were touched by loss in their own families.

Finally, I thank you for your dedication, professionalism and resilience and for your solution focused approach which has helped us to navigate our way through these past months.

Guím Nollaig shona, shíochánta agus shábháilte ort agus ar do mhuintir agus táimid ag tnúth le laethanta níos fearr in 2021.

**Eileen Curtis**

**Chief Executive**

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