

Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting of 19th September 2023



1. There are 596 pupils on roll, and pupils and staff are settling back into school life very well. The attendance rate for the school year to date stands at 92.1%. The taking of family holidays during school term time continues to be a concern for the Board.
2. Pupil numbers in individual classes from 2nd Class to 6th Class are particularly high. As soon as the new modular building is complete, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Class grades will be restructured from 3 classes to 4 classes.
3. The following reports were presented and adopted:
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Principal's Report
 - Child Protection Oversight Report
 - Anti-Bullying Oversight Report.
4. In response to the publication of the Department of Education's revised Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023), the Board:
 - Agreed to adopt the revised Child Protection Procedures and to implement them fully and without modification.
 - Completed the annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - Reviewed and approved updates to the Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment.
5. The Department of Education's Inspectorate conducted a 3-day DEIS Evaluation in May 2023. The Board considered the Inspectors' Report and agreed the Board's response. The Board expressed its congratulations to the staff team and the pupils for the achievement of a very positive School Inspection Report.
6. The results of standardised assessment undertaken by pupils from 1st to 6th Classes in May 2023 in English Reading, English Spelling and Mathematics were considered.
7. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the progress being made on the following projects:
 - All Weather Surface Phase 1.
 - Installation of two outdoor classrooms in the Rainbow and Woodland Gardens.
 - Reconfiguration of two Rainbow classrooms and planning for the new modular building.
8. Confirmation will take place on 18th & 19th April 2024, and First Holy Communion on 11th & 18th May 2024.
9. The Department of Social Protection approved the continuation of funding for Hot School Meals for 2023/24.
10. The Board wished the pupils well for the following activities:
 - Boys & Girls Rackard League football.
 - 8-week block of swimming lessons for 3rd & 4th Classes.
 - 5th & 6th Classes on the commencement of practices for Sing Out Loud!

Monsignor Dennis Lennon
Chairperson, Board of Management

Dr Mags Jordan
Principal & Secretary to Board of Management