

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 - Report to the School Community**

**Front of School:** The area in front of the school remains in disrepair and is deteriorating. We had hoped to avail of a summer works grant to upgrade it, but it has become clear that money is not going to be made available. We appear to have no choice other than to raise our own funds to deal with the problem, which is becoming more urgent. In the meantime, the BoM would like to thank those who have stepped in to help make the area safer in Dennis's absence.

**School Finances:** The school budget was finalised. We have put much effort into reducing costs and maximising income from existing resources over recent months, but RETNS is short of funds and we clearly need to raise more.

**School Development:** The new school development committee has generated a list of ideas, designed both to raise money and to be engaging, some of which are now being initiated. Please do what you can to support and get involved.

**ET Second-Level Schools:** The Chairperson reported on meetings and correspondence with representatives from Educate Together Second-Level schools. We are pressing the case that admissions policies should give priority to students of ET primary schools.

**Website:** We are still looking for people willing to commit some time to improving the RETNS website. If you have relevant technical skills and can help, please get in touch.

**Kids' Blog:** The BoM would like to congratulate the children who have worked hard to develop their own guidelines for commenting on the kids' blog. These were approved.

**School Policies:** The BoM had a further detailed discussion of the Administration of Medicines policy, which it is hoped to approve at the March meeting. It was decided to review the Critical Incident policy in detail at the March meeting.

**Health and Safety:** A new school safety assessment and action list will be posted on the website soon.

The BoM also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report.

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