

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 - Report to the School Community**

**School Development:** The BoM would like to thank all those who came along to a successful and well-attended meeting in October to discuss school development and income generation. A RETNS Development Committee is now being formed and a first meeting scheduled. If you were unable to make the initial meeting and have skills to offer, please keep an eye out for further emails – it is not too late to get involved. Surveys of staff, parents and students are also being prepared for circulation.

**Feeder School Status:** The BoM has received confirmation from St. McDara's Community College in Templeogue that, following our request, RETNS is to be listed in its admissions policy as a feeder school from First Year 2018 onwards. The BoM agreed to finalise a list of other schools to which similar requests can be made, making it more likely that RETNS families can obtain places at their chosen second-level schools.

**School Policies:** The BoM has compiled a list of existing school policies that are in need of review and new policies that may be required, with a view to prioritising those that are most urgent. Work has already begun on the development of a Data Protection policy. We would like to thank Alison Murphy, Robbie Dooley and Sarah Lacey-Stoddart for volunteering to lend us their time and expertise. The BoM complied with its annual regulatory requirements in respect of anti-bullying and child protection policies.

**School Finances:** In light of the ongoing need to restore RETNS's financial health, the BoM continued to review income and expenditure and discussed ways to reduce some regular costs and to ensure best value for money from service providers.

**Front of School:** Following the introduction of the bollards and tape, the incidence of dangerous parking at the front of school has declined. Thank you to parents/guardians for supporting this safer parking initiative. The BoM has obtained costings for renovating the area, though this will not be possible until funds can be raised.

**Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** The BoM agreed to support a health and wellbeing workshop for staff and the Principal to attend the Irish Primary Principals Network Principals' Conference.

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

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