

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 3 October, 2016 - Report to the School Community**

**School Development :** The BoM discussed preparations for tonight's meeting to discuss the RETNS Development Plan and Income Generation Strategy. This is an opportunity for all of us to get involved and to have our say in the future of our school. Discussion will centre on what we should prioritise in the development plan and how we can establish a sustainable model of income generation. If you have ideas, opinions or skills to offer, **please come along at 7.30pm.**

**Front of School:** Despite multiple communications from the BoM and the Principal, some drivers are still ignoring requests to park only in spaces against the wall. Parking on the footpath or on the gravel parallel to the footpath is dangerous. Since our last report, the Community Garda has voiced concerns about child safety. He has requested that registration numbers of offending vehicles be forwarded to him and confirmed that he will issue parking tickets if people continue to park illegally.

**Trees:** The BoM has received advice from a tree surgeon in relation to the trees in front of the school. Although the poplars are presently safe, they are coming towards the end of their natural lives and will need to be cut down at some point in the coming years. The dead sycamore near the footpath will be removed during the midterm break. With this in mind, the BoM agreed that we should plant new trees sooner rather than later. We would like to hear the views of any members of the school community in relation to what we might plant and where.

**School policies:** The BoM discussed the school's anti-bullying and child protection policies in light of regulatory requirements to examine these policies on an annual basis. Some minor amendments were agreed. The anti-bullying policy is scheduled for full review in 2017.

**Enrolment:** The FAQs document in relation to the revised enrolment policy is being finalised and will appear on the school website in the coming days.

**Security:** The school security alarm is old and needs to be replaced. The BoM decided to obtain quotes for a new one.

**Building site:** In relation to the building site adjoining the school grounds to the north, the BoM decided to contact the developer to discuss plans for the boundary.

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

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