

**RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 16 January 2019**  
**– Report to the School Community**

**Resurfacing Works:** The BoM has been informed that the much-needed resurfacing of the outside area will take place over three days of the upcoming mid-term break. This work is being funded by the Community Centre to which the BoM expressed its appreciation. Arrangements will be made to ensure pedestrian access to allow mid-terms camps in the school to go ahead, but there will be no access for cars or other vehicles while the work takes place. This may cause some inconvenience while the work is completed but the upgrading and repair of the area is a high priority.

**Science Initiative:** The BoM discussed the very interesting and aptly timed science programme in which 6<sup>th</sup> class are learning all about food waste reduction and sustainable eating. The programme will give the children great insight to this topic and prompt them to think about how this very important issue of today can be tackled. More details on the initiative are available at <http://www.dublincity.ie/new-initiative-inform-how-dublin-will-manage-food-waste-reduction-and-sustainable-eating>

**ET AGM:** The Educate Together AGM will take place on Saturday, 30 March 2019 in Stepside Educate Together NS. The BoM agreed to give some thought to potential motions that could be tabled. The AGM, however, is likely to focus heavily on changes that will arise following the announcement by the Minister for Education and Skills about schools' admissions policies under the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the pacing of curriculum changes. The BoM will remain alert to further announcements on these issues and will notify any possible changes to the school community as soon as possible.

**School Finances and Development Committee:** As ever, the school's finances remain tight. The BoM Treasurer is finalising the school's annual accounts and will begin work on the consolidation of the BoM and PA accounts in conjunction with the PA's treasurers in advance of next year's deadline. The Development Committee is scheduled to meet this week to elect a committee chairperson and to map out events for the remainder of the year. The committee has done sterling work in developing the development plan and creating new fundraising avenues which have been very much to the benefit of the school.

**Development Plan:** The BoM agreed to circulate the draft development plan, which outlines the short, medium and long-term priorities for the school that have been drawn up following discussions. The plan was issued on Friday, 18 January and all members of the school community are encouraged to give their feedback and comments by 15 February by emailing [bom@retns.ie](mailto:bom@retns.ie). The BoM will then consider the issues raised with a view to ratifying and publishing the plan after its March meeting.

**School Policies:** The BoM discussed a draft revised health and safety policy, which it intends to ratify and publish after its February meeting. The BoM also discussed the policy area priorities for the year, which will include the employment policy and the anti-bullying policy.

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

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