

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 11th November, 2019 – Report to the School Community

Parking: There has been an improvement in parking and the BoM wishes to express thanks to those parents and guardians who now park legally and to those who have always done so. To the few who continue to park on the yellow box, footpath or double-yellow lines in front of school, we have been informed by the local Garda you may be ticketed and fined over coming weeks. Continuing with this behaviour is unfair to other parents who park properly and, most importantly, unsafe for our children.

Table Quiz: Many thanks to all those who came along to the table quiz, which raised over €2,000 for the school. We would like to thank the Development Committee for their hard work in putting on another highly enjoyable event.

Craft Fair: Plans for the Winter Craft Fair on December 1st are being finalised and it looks like we will again have a wide selection of interesting stalls and activities. This is a great event to bring extended families and friends along to ahead of Christmas. Thanks to the Development Committee and to the Parents' Association, who will be looking for donations of raffle prizes and for volunteers to give a bit of time on the day to help make the event a success again. Please look out for emails and get involved.

School Finances: Although the school's finances have seen some improvement, in order to make hoped for improvements in the school environment it will be vital to raise more funding this school year. A large-scale fundraising event is being planned for May 2020, so please keep an eye out for further details and get involved.

Policies: The BoM discussed progress on the development of and revisions to a number of school policies, including those on: Newly Qualified Teachers, Acceptable ICT Use, Employment and Whistleblowing.

Alarm System: The alarm system is presently being upgraded. The BoM also decided to obtain quotes to replace the smoke detectors, which are approaching end-of-life and need to be replaced.

New Board: We are at the end of a four-year cycle and a new Board of Management will take over from the December meeting onwards. This will be the subject of a separate announcement over coming weeks.

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