

RETNS Board of Management Meeting – 10th February 2020

Report to the School Community

Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018:

A number of sections of the above act relating to school admission policies and processes have been commenced. All boards of management must draft a new admission policy in accordance with the act's requirements following consultation with the patron, the staff of the school and parents of current pupils. Guidance will be provided by both the Department of Education and Skills and by our patron body, Educate Together.

The new legislation requires that the Board of Management submit a revised Admissions Policy to Educate Together by 1st May 2020.

Development/Fundraising:

The Board was briefed on the upcoming Oskars fundraising event on Saturday 16th May in Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney. There will be an information evening for the event in the 5th Class room on Thursday 27th February.

The SuperValu bag pack will take place for 3 days from Friday 28th February to Sunday 1st March. We encourage all parents and guardians to participate to help raise a substantial amount of money for our school.

School Policies & Procedures:

A review of school policies and procedures has commenced and revised policies will be posted on the school website when completed. The first policy to be reviewed is the ICT Acceptable Use Policy for our pupils.

Pupils:

The 5th Class team was successful in winning the first round of the Credit Union Quiz. We wish them the best of luck in the next round. 4th Class performed in the Peace Proms on Sunday 2nd February. Congratulations to all involved in this very successful event.

School Fire Alarm System:

Approval was granted for a full upgrade of the school Fire Alarm system. All of the smoke detectors in the school are approaching the end of their life. Although replacing them is expensive we believe it is a necessary upgrade. A vendor has been selected following a recent procurement process and the cost will be approximately €5,500.

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

