

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### **Report to the School Community**

The Board of Management held a meeting by video conference on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Board continues to monitor all updates from the Department of Education and Skills and Educate Together regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018**

The Board consulted with the school community on new draft Admissions Policy and have submitted it to Educate Together on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The school have requested some clarifications on the policy from Educate Together and the policy will be finalised in the coming weeks.

### **Teaching and Learning**

The school will be starting to use more live video content meetings with classes and their teachers from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. In preparation we have updated the school's Acceptable Use Policy to suit the current circumstances.

The Board encourages all families to maintain or initiate contact with the school in these challenging circumstances. Staff members are very happy to support families and children in whatever way possible.

### **Planning Application – Ely Square**

The Board submitted a letter of observations regarding the development to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The letter outlined a number of concerns in relation to this proposed development with the primary concern being that it would significantly overlook the school grounds.

### **School Finances – 45% Tax Relief on Voluntary Contributions**

The school has recently sent out new authorisation forms to help us avail of tax relief on your voluntary contributions. This is a very important source of revenue to the school. With your authorisation we can claim back an additional 45% of the voluntary contributions made by you to the school from the Revenue Commissioners.

The Board would like to thank all those who have completed and returned these forms. If anyone else can return these forms we would be very grateful.

### **Educate Together**

The Educate Together Member's Forum took place by video on 6<sup>th</sup> May and the Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Educate Together had a very successful year in 2019 with a record number of new schools opening and the first graduates from an Educate Together

Secondary School. There are now approximately 30,000 pupils attending Educate Together Schools in Ireland.

*The BoM also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report. The next Board Meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.*