RETNS Board of Management Meeting – 7th September 2020

Reopening of the school

The school reopened on Tuesday 1st September. The Board would like to thank the Principal and staff for all of their hard work to ensure the school opened successfully and safely. The staff met on Friday 4th September to review the opening and the feedback was that it was a generally very positive start for the children.

There have been many changes to the school routine and the Board would also like to thank the children and families for your continuing cooperation with the school protocols during this time. We ask that you continue to do so and please remain vigilant about your own health and that of others. This will help keep us all safe and protect our school.

Covid-19 Response Plan

The Board reviewed and ratified a number of Covid-19 response documents including the Covid-19 Response Plan, Risk Assessment, Cleaning Plan and the Critical Incident Management Plan. All of these are live documents and will be subject to regular review and amendments will be made as required.

The school has also completed some minor works using the Enhanced Minor Works Grant. These works included the fitting of additional air vents in 4 classrooms and hooks and storage boxes outside Junior Infants.

Information and Communication Technology Grant

The sound quality in the classrooms has been affected by the removal of all soft furnishings and the use of face visors. The Board approved the purchase of further Soundfield System technology to be used in all classrooms. This equipment is basically a PA system that will be used to improve the learning environment for the pupils by improving the sound environment in the classroom.

Admissions Policy

The RETNS Admissions Policy has been approved by Educate Together and will be made available on the school website on Monday 14th September.

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 5th October.