



Ballinlough NS

Board of Management – Annual Report 2020



Board of Management 2019/2020

The Board of Management was appointed on December 1st 2019.

Chairperson	–	Pauline Plunkett
Treasurer	–	Carmel Mc Cartan
Secretary	–	Tanya Farrelly
Teacher Rep	–	Bernadette Sherwin
Parent Reps	–	Cara Usher Aidan Mc Entee
Community Rep	–	Stephen Keaveny
Patron's Rep	-	Fr. Kearney

The Board of Management have met in December 2019, February and May 2020. The Board will meet again over the summer to plan for the re-opening of school in September in line with Department of Education guidelines when available.

Policy Development

The school Admissions policy was formulated by the Board of Management and awaiting patron's approval. The annual Child Protection review was carried out in February.

School Inspection

The Board of Management are monitoring the implementation of recommendations from last year's WSE inspection in relation to Irish, Spellings and handwriting.

Board Finances

The financial management of our school is conducted in strict compliance with the Department of Education and Skills requirements. At each Board of Management meeting the treasurer furnishes the board with a detailed report on school finances. Accounts are audited by the school accountant annually. These are submitted to the Department of Education via the Financial Support Services Unit.

School Ethos

Ballinlough NS is a Catholic co-educational primary school with a Catholic ethos under the patronage of the Bishop of Meath.

Confirmation was held on February 28th
First Communion re-scheduled for Autumn 2020

Distance Learning

The Board of Management would like to extend our thanks to parents for their co-operation and engagement with the Distance Learning Programme during extremely difficult times. We thank parents for responding to the survey on Distance Learning and assisting us and staff members to ensuring the programme was manageable for everybody.

We would also like to thank the teaching staff for the online resources made available to pupils, their commitment in ensuring the programme was engaging and manageable over the past few months and for their dedication to their pupils.

Staffing

We would like to thank Ms. Skelly and Ms. Reynolds who are leaving us. We wish to extend our gratitude to them for all their time and commitment to their pupils this year. We wish them every success in their teaching careers.

Parents' Association

We thank the Parents Association for their support this year, providing refreshments for Confirmation, organising a science show for pupils at Halloween, purchasing Easter Eggs for the pupils and providing First Communion workbooks.

Staff Training/CPD

- First Aid Training for all staff
 - New Primary Language Curriculum
 - Teaching Staff Child Protection Training
 - Many of the teachers also engaged in professional development relating to their profession of teaching outside of school hours.
- All teachers have upskilled on teaching through on-line platforms.

We would like to wish all the pupils, their parents and teachers a very enjoyable summer holidays. School re-opens September 1st 2020.