

ST. PAUL'S R.S.

KEELOGS, INVER, CO. DONEGAL
ROLL NUMBER: 15770K

Board of Management Report for school community

School Year 2019/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may know, the Board of Management are in charge of the overall running of our school. Our Principal, who has been appointed by the Board, runs the school on a day to day basis, assisted by the Deputy Principal and Staff. The main aim of the Board of Management is to ensure the smooth running of the school, therein providing the pupils with a safe and happy environment in which to prosper academically and socially.

The Board of Management meet a minimum of five times per year and I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the work that we carry out. Due to Covid-19, our meetings have been taking place via zoom, in line with Government regulations.

A new Board of Management was formed in the 2019/2020 school year. The new Chairperson is Teresa Gallagher, who was appointed by the Patron, Bishop Alan McGuckian. The current Board of Management members are: Teresa Gallagher, Rory O'Donnell, Maura Gavigan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Rosita Boyle, Paul Tierney, Fiona Ward and Thomas McBrearty.

At each meeting, the Principal provides a report to the Board, which may include any child protection reports, current enrolment figures, attendance figures, staffing allocations, upcoming events and other school related issues.

The Treasurer also provides a statement of bank balances at each meeting and keeps the Board informed of the financial status of the school. From the 2018/2019 school year these finances have been submitted to the FSSU in the Department of Education & Skills.

I would like to outline some of the activities of the Board over the academic year 2019/2020:

- Carried out a Health & Safety Audit for the school.
- Updated numerous organisational policies.
- Training for all teaching staff on the Primary Language Curriculum.
- GDPR E-Learning completed by all Board of Management Members and School Staff.
- Oversight for the sewerage treatment works at the school.
- Installed a new fire alarm system to the school.
- Installed a new heating boiler to the school.
- Applied for planning permission for artificial playground.
- Applied for and received funding from Donegal County Council via local councillors Noel Jordan and Tom Conaghan.
- Child Protection Training for all staff.
- Appealed allocation of Special Educational Needs Teaching to the NCSE/Department of Education & Skills – application was unsuccessful.
- Appointment of teachers/SNAs.
- Updated Child Protection Policy, Anti Bullying Policy and School Safety Statement.
- Provided work experience for TY Pupils and Student Teachers.
- Awarded Active Flag.

I would like to thank the Board for giving up their time on a voluntary basis to ensure that the school continues to develop and prosper despite the tough economic climate. I would also like to thank the parents of our pupils, who continue to work with the school in a positive and open manner.

Regards,



On behalf of Chairperson, Board of Management